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Report slams SIU

Rob Maltar didn't believe it when the province's Special Investigations Unit ruled his brother had killed himself with a police officer's gun. But he didn't know where to turn.

Early last year, Maltar took the case to the Ontario ombudsman, complaining the SIU was biased in favour of the police. After receiving 20 similar complaints, Ombudsman Andre Marin announced a full-scale probe into the civilian agency on June 7, 2007.

The Maltars were hopeful, if skeptical, that something would come of their complaint.

Yesterday, something did.

In a scathing 121-page report, Marin hammered the SIU for allowing the police to control its investigations and adopting an "impotent stance" when challenged by police.

"There's no doubt in my mind that an SIU investigation is one which is currently done through blue-coloured glasses. There is no doubt that there is a police bias in their approach to investigations," Marin said at Queen's Park yesterday.

Marin issued 46 recommendations aimed at the SIU, the Ministry of the Attorney General and the province on how to move forward.

"There's a point when you can't unring a bell," he said, referring to cases that were cleared years ago. However, he added, "The SIU may well decide to take another look at a case" in light of his findings.

> **"There is no doubt that there is a police bias in their (SIU's) approach to investigations."**
> Andre Marin

That's what the Maltars were counting on.

"Our lives have been on hold while we waited for this. To see what it would say," said Maltar. "What this report means for us is the door has not been completely closed."

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Harper **Off to class**

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Conservative Leader Stephen Harper walks his daughter Rachel to school in Ottawa yesterday. A Conservative official resigned amid revelations by the Liberals that a major 2003 speech by Harper copied a talk by former Australian prime minister John Howard. **See story, p. 10**

Show me the $700B

With Washington trying to put together a $700-billion rescue for the U.S.'s financial system, the federal money sought by other projects is starting to look like small change.

You could buy yourself a war with that kind of money — the U.S. has spent $648 billion on Iraq war operations so far.

The House on Monday voted down a proposed $700-billion bailout package, but congressional leaders said they were committed to trying again.

What else could the government do with a $700-billion blank cheque? There are, well, billions of possibilities. It could ensure universal health-care coverage for six years, for example, or upgrade the country's most deficient bridges four times over.

You could also run an entire country. Seven hundred billion dollars is more than twice the size of the economy of Denmark.

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Stock markets bounce back

ECONOMY North American stock markets roared back to life yesterday on renewed hopes a massive Wall Street bailout plan will eventually succeed, even as there were more warnings about the Canadian economy. The Toronto stock market gained back more than 500 points. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Drug samples stolen from van
About 3,000 pills were stolen from a van filled with drug samples Monday in Markham, close to Laureleaf Road and Steeles Avenue. The pharmaceuticals, Ralivia, a chronic pain medication, and Wellbutrin XL, an antidepressant, are worth about $8,000. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

Transit puts deal to a vote

York Region's Viva bus drivers are heading back to the bargaining table today just as Mississauga Transit workers are preparing to vote tomorrow on a tentative contract. The 900 Mississauga workers, members of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1572, have traditionally been the highest paid transit employees in the GTA. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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News in brief

WARRANT An arrest warrant has been issued for a man wanted in connection with the death of a man who was shot in the face in Malton. Junior Mark Anthony Bennett, 24, of no fixed address is wanted on a charge of obstructing police and various weapons charges. Peel detectives believe Bennett may have information on the June 30 death of Orrin Marlon Earle. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Only citizens can vote

A week ago, Allan Tomlinson found three voter information cards on the kitchen table — one for his wife, one for his daughter and one for him.

There's just one problem with that. Tomlinson is a landed immigrant from the U.K. and cannot legally cast a ballot in the Oct. 14 federal election.

"How many people Canada-wide have got these?" Tomlinson asks.

His voter card, sent out based on his presence on a list compiled via Canada Revenue Agency, provincial registrars and other entities, is only an invitation. It doesn't allow him to vote, just tells him where and when to do so if he's Canadian.

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"How many people Canada-wide have got these?"
Allan Tomlinson

But the card has weight because people are not asked to prove Canadian citizenship at the polling stations; instead the onus is on individuals to know they're not entitled to show up and vote.

It's hard to know how many non-qualifiers like Tomlinson have received voter cards, but 2006 census data said 1,468,325 non-citizens over the age of 18 were living in Canada.

Since 2004, 41 people have been found guilty, mostly for making improper campaign contributions.

Eight people were busted for voting twice. Four protested they thought they were entitled to, because they had homes in two ridings. There's one case of someone caught voting without citizenship.

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Final report on child deaths out

Wholesale changes to the way Ontario child deaths are medically investigated are expected to be recommended today by a commission probing serious flaws in the system that led to wrongful prosecutions of parents and caregivers.

The final report of the Public Inquiry into Pediatric Forensic Pathology, to be released by Commissioner Stephen Goudge, will aim to ensure that no one in future will be charged, convicted or have their family pulled apart because of faulty pathology.

"I think it will (recommend) a major overhaul. It's way overdue," remarked Peter Wardle, a lawyer representing wronged individuals as a result of botched investigations into the deaths of Ontario children between 1991 and 2001.

The Canadian Press has learned the 1,000-page report contains harsh criticism of disgraced pathologist Dr. Charles Smith and his superiors, former chief coroner Dr. Jim Young and former deputy chief coroner Dr. Jim Cairns.

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Asmitha Balakumar, 4, gets her eyes tested by optician Akwasi Donkor Boakye in a pilot program to identify health concerns in kindergarten-aged children.

Schools screen for ailments

They are the kind of childhood ailments that can go unnoticed, but have a huge impact on learning: Vision troubles, toothaches, poor eating habits.

A new pilot project in a handful of Markham-area schools aims to catch those problems early, by screening junior and senior kindergarten students.

Bill Hogarth, director of education for the York Region District School Board, said he wants the unique pilot project to expand board-wide. The board modelled the pilot on a healthy child initiative in the United Kingdom.

"Quite frankly, I'd like to see it province-wide," he said yesterday after visiting a screening clinic held at Wilclay Public School, near Brimley Road and Steeles Avenue East.

Families moved from dental to vision to nutrition stations set up in the gymnasium, getting checkups, talking to experts and picking up tip sheets.

Dental hygienists, opticians and nutritionists here volunteered their time to serve more than 1,200 students at 11 schools with large immigrant populations.

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Victim's son wants stiffer penalties

Rizwan Rao says his father's "senseless" death should force federal leaders to include in their party platforms more severe penalties for drunk drivers who take a life.

Mohammad Rao wasn't far from his Mississauga home after delivering a fare from Pearson airport about 1 a.m. yesterday when his taxi van was clipped by a car that sped in and out of traffic on the QEW near Cawthra Road.

His van flipped, slid into a guardrail and rocketed through a fence, hitting a utility pole before landing on North Service Road. The 59-year-old, father of three, who drove a taxi for 31 years, was killed instantly.

"We (family) all have a life sentence," Rizwan Rao said. "As long as we live, our father is gone."

Antoni Burianski, 31, of Etobicoke, faces several charges, including impaired driving causing death and criminal negligence causing death.

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Crash sends five to hospital

RICHMOND HILL A three-vehicle crash involving a TTC bus sent five people to hospital around 3:30 p.m. yesterday in Richmond Hill.

Police said a van drove through a stop sign on Connie Crescent, near Dufferin Street and Langstaff Road, and T-boned a bus, which then hit a tractor-trailer. The van's driver fled on foot but was later arrested. He is facing charges.

Some bus passengers suffered minor injuries.

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Tree bylaw passed

The Town of Oakville has passed a bylaw, effective today, that requires property owners to notify the town before removing any living trees between 20 and 76 cm in diameter. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Publisher's got Games

Toronto Star's Jagoda Pike to lead PanAm bid

Toronto Star publisher Jagoda Pike is leaving the newspaper business to lead Ontario's bid to host the 2015 Pan American Games.

"It's been a great 22-year run at Torstar. I love the Star. It's a fantastic institution. I wish it well," Pike said in an interview yesterday after it was announced that she will become president and chief operating officer for the Pan Am bid.

"But I'm excited to be heading into a new chapter," she said. "Ontario needs a win. This could be a really great win for us."

Jagoda Pike

The Pan Am Games are held every four years and are open to athletes from 42 countries in the Americas. Canada has not hosted the Games since Winnipeg in 1999.

"It's time for those games to come back north," Pike said. "What better place than Toronto and the Golden Horseshoe to host them? It would be a fantastic event given the size, breadth and diversity of this region."

Former premier David Peterson, who is chairing this bid, said he is thrilled that Pike has joined the team.

"She'll put it over the top," Peterson said. "She's got all the skills we need."

He cited her business expertise as well as her knowledge of the Greater Toronto Area and Hamilton, where she twice chaired that city's bid to host the Commonwealth Games.

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Interim publisher named

• A long-time newspaper executive has been named interim publisher of the Toronto Star and president of Star Media Group. Don Babick, who has been a member of Torstar's board of directors since 2004, will step in to replace Jagoda Pike. The changes take effect on Saturday. A national search would begin immediately for the next publisher.

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Toronto Police remove a sign from Hells Angels headquarters last year.

Hells Angels' business-like operation enviable: Judge

The Hells Angels Motorcycle Club is a highly structured criminal organization that's better run than many multinational corporations, says a Toronto judge.

Justice John McMahon of Ontario Superior Court ruled yesterday that the outlaw biker organization has a "vertical corporate structure" that "would be the envy of many international corporations."

He made the comments in the trial of Kenneth (Wags) Wagner, 43, of the Hells Angels Niagara chapter, who was found guilty of trafficking drugs and a pistol for a criminal enterprise.

The judge's finding that the Canadian Hells Angels are a criminal organization supports a landmark ruling in Barrie, Ont., by Madam Justice Michelle Fuerst during a 2005 extortion trial.

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Information lists

• In his ruling, the judge noted a police report that states Ontario Hells Angels maintain photos and lists of police officers and rival bikers, and information on officers' wives.

Police probe temple vandalism

Police are investigating the smearing of fecal material on the front door of a Hindu temple in Pickering.

"This act of vandalism, tinged with hatred, is most disturbing and we want to send a strong message out that this type of ignorance will not be tolerated," said Police Chief Mike Ewles.

Pandit Sharma, a priest at Devi Mandir temple for ten years, discovered the fecal material when he arrived with a devotee early Sunday morning.

"I feel very offended because we never promote discrimination against any religion," Sharma said. "It doesn't matter who it is."

He says devotees were shocked and very upset about the vandalism.

Investigators say the same temple was vandalized four years ago and they believe four suspects are responsible.

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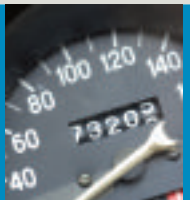


Oblivious driving?

A driver who claimed he didn't hear police sirens or see emergency lights as he was pursued for 13 kilometres in Adjala/Tosorontio Township in southern Ontario has been charged for allegedly exceeding the speed limit by 100 kilometres an hour. At one point he was going 180 km/h in an 80 km/h zone. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Registry lines jammed

Thousands rush to telemarketing roster, clogging phone traffic

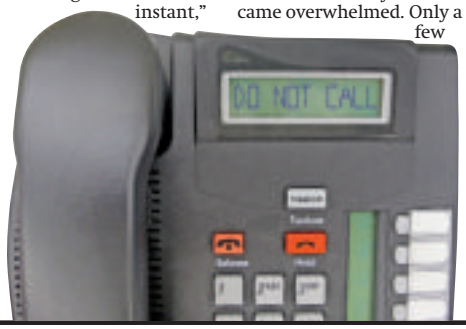
Canada's widely anticipated do-not-call list was a victim of its own popularity when thousands rushed to sign up soon after it launched yesterday, crashing the registry website and clogging toll-free phone lines.

The system was so overwhelmed it crashed shortly after 9 a.m. and was available only sporadically for the rest of the day.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, the federal agency in charge of the list, said yesterday it would be working overnight to increase the system's capacity. There is no deadline to sign up for the service.

"We're victims of our own success," said Denis Carmel, a spokesperson for the CRTC.

More than a million consumers had called one of two phone lines to try to register by early afternoon. At one point more than 40,000 callers were trying get through "at the same instant," Carmel said. An unknown additional number tried to sign up online at the registry's website.



Just over 200,000 consumers had succeeded in getting on the list by 1:30 p.m., Carmel said. Most of them had signed up by 9 a.m., when the system became overwhelmed. Only a few thousand were able to get through after that, he said.

The system is operated for the federal agency by Bell Canada.

"Immediate volumes were higher than anticipated, which impacted the registration website for several hours in the middle of the day. But with the addition of more bandwidth and other network resources, things are back on track,"

Bell spokesperson Jacqueline Michelis said in a later afternoon interview yesterday. that "everything is working well now."

The CRTC is advising people to be patient and try again later.

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Judges block breast implant suit, say individuals bear risk

RULING An estimated 29,500 women who received silicone breast implants between 1962 and 1992 can't sue the federal government for exposing them to harm caused by the devices, the Ontario Court of Appeal ruled yesterday.

The decision shuts the door on a proposed class-action lawsuit and could make it difficult for Canadians to sue the government over other hazardous products, lawyers for the women say.

The lead plaintiffs in the case, say they became disabled after being fitted with Dow Corning breast implants and blamed Health Canada.

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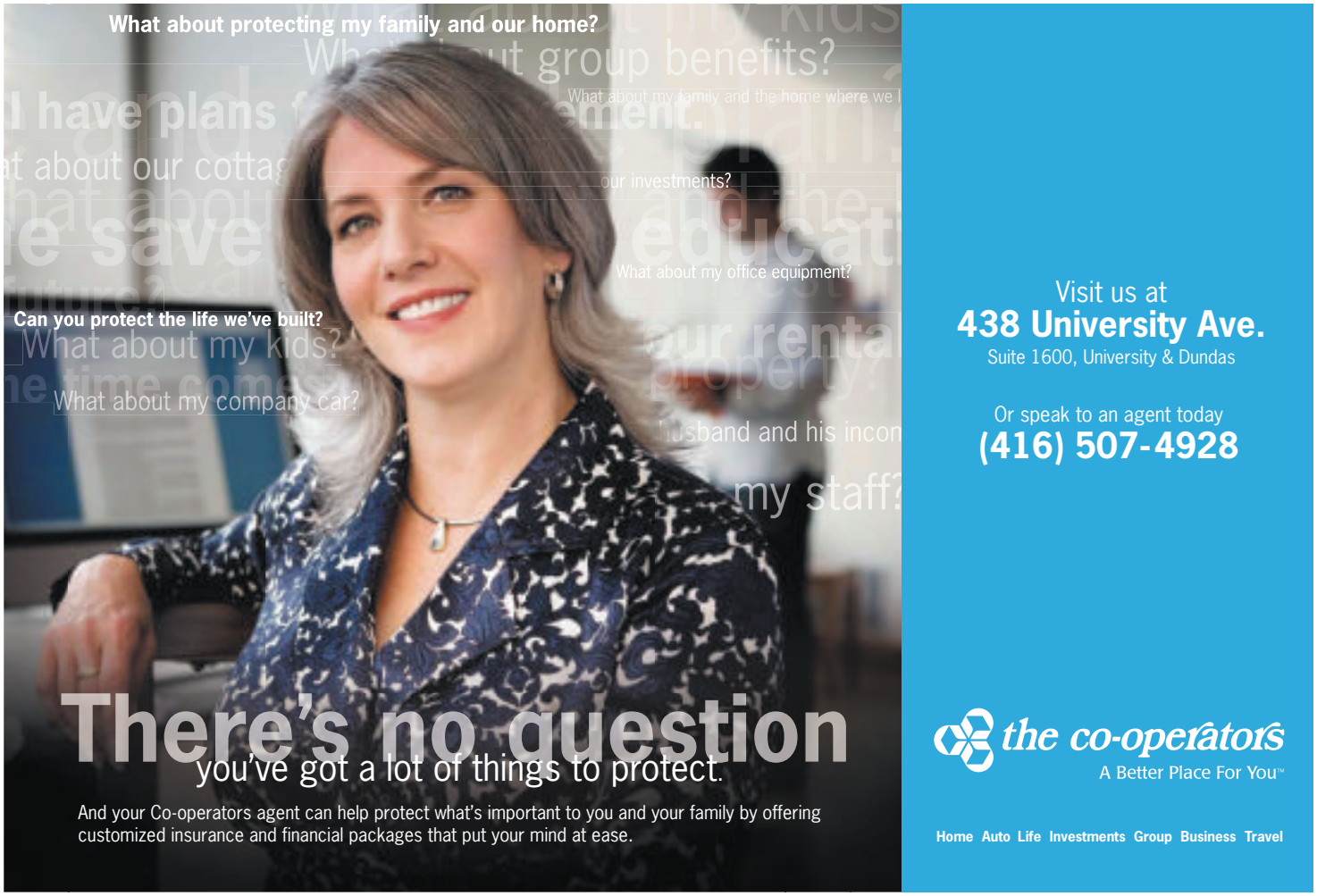
Duty of care

- Because Health Canada owes no "duty of care" to individual Canadians,the court blocked the lawsuit in a 3-0 decision, adding there are sound policy reasons for shielding Ottawa from liability.

News in brief

PRISONER The Canadian Bar Association is demanding the return of Omar Khadr, captured by the U.S. in Afghanistan at the age of 15.

COMMENTS Premier Dalton McGuinty is getting slammed for saying Ontario's lost manufacturing jobs "are not coming back." METRO NEWS SERVICES



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Health minister victorious in Quebec

Premier Jean Charest's Liberals easily retained a Quebec City riding in a byelection Monday as Health Minister Yves Bolduc cruised to victory with 58 per ent of the vote, replacing his predecessor in the crucial cabinet portfolio. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sled dogs found alone, starving

Northern artist under probe after canines discovered in 'horrifying' conditions

Internationally renowned artist Archie Beaulieu is under RCMP investigation after 44 sled dogs, including a dozen puppies, were found malnourished and had to be destroyed.

A local veterinarian and a senior RCMP officer in the remote community of Behchoko in the Northwest Territories visited the property where the dogs had been penned and were clearly shaken by what they saw.

The animals were in a fenced compound that had roughly three dog houses — not nearly enough to shelter them — and there was no sign of food or water, said veterinarian Tom Pisz.

"It had been raining and the dogs were up to their bellies in mud and feces," said Pisz, who made the decision to give the dogs lethal injections on Friday. "The smell was horrifying."

"Some had skin sores and wounds from fighting with each other, others were limping," he said. "The puppies were hiding under scrap wood."

"The matter is under investigation as to the owner's conduct and behaviour in regards to the animals," he added.

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Dogs on the property of renowned Dene artist Archie Beaulieu are shown in a handout photo.

Beaulieu could not be reached for comment. But a town official said he walked by him on the street yesterday.

Behchoko is a community of about 2,000 residents and sits about 100 kilometres northwest of Yellowknife.

> **"The dogs were up to their bellies in mud and feces."**
> Veterinarian Tom Pisz

Beaulieu is a celebrated Dene artist whose paintings often depict animals of northern Canada.

His artworks sell for thousands of dollars and have been presented to Queen Elizabeth and Pope John Paul and purchased by governments, dignitaries, corporations and collectors around the world.

A representative of the agency that handles Beaulieu's artwork said it has been trying to reach him for weeks without success. "What I know about Archie Beaulieu is that he didn't move the dogs when he was given every opportunity to do it," said town spokesman Craig Yeo.

The veterinarian said it's not uncommon to find neglected sled dogs in the North.

"I have seen dogs neglected and even starved, but this was such a large number of dogs — the worst I've ever seen," said Pisz.

Most people travel by snowmobiles now, so dog sleds are seldom used anymore, except for during racing and ceremonial events.

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News in brief

RULING British Columbia's former forests minister has been cleared of any conflict of interest in land use decisions he made while his older brother held managerial positions in the forest industry. "There's no question, it's a vindication. It's absolutely a vindication," said Rich Coleman,now minister of Housing and Social Development in the B.C. Liberal government, said at the legislature yesterday. He had referred the case to conflict of interest commissioner Paul Fraser in July. .THE CANADIAN PRESS

Defiant military agency widens hearings

TORTURE A military police watchdog agency has decided, despite government objections, to widen public hearings into the way Canadian soldiers handled detainees in Afghanistan.

The Military Police Complaints Commission will expand its hearings into allegations by Amnesty International and the British Columbia Civil Liberties Union that the Canadians handed detainees over to torture by Afghan authorities.

In the complaint filed in 2007, it was alleged that military police handed over prisoners on at least 18 occasions even though there was evidence of torture in Afghan jails.

The commission now will widen the time frame of its investigation by a year.

It will also go beyond the issue of whether the transfers of detainees were appropriate, looking as well at whether senior officers failed to investigate allegations of torture by Afghan authorities.

> **"There is a significant level of public concern with respect to these allegations."**
> Peter Tinsley

Word of a broader investigation comes in spite of a government suit in Federal Court to quash an earlier commission decision to set up smaller-scale hearings.

Commission chairman Peter Tinsley decided to widen the scope of his investigation despite government claims that he lacks jurisdiction.

In an 84-page ruling issued yesterday, Tinsley rejected the arguments of federal lawyers and said he has a clear mandate to investigate.

"There is a significant level of public concern with respect to these allegations," he said.

It's important to look at a wider range of allegations that span a period right up to last June, he added.

"This will permit the complaints commission to conduct a complete and thorough investigation with credible and comprehensive results that are ultimately fair to all interested parties," Tinsley's decision said. He said he's looking for "systemic" problems and will investigate the actions or non-actions of senior military officials,

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Second female attacked along path

HUNT RCMP were hunting for a suspect after a woman was accosted yesterday on a walking path in Edson, Alta., only days after a 14-year-old girl was killed on a nearby trail.

The woman in her 20s was taken to hospital and released and was working to help police.

Schools filled with students still nervous about the weekend murder were locked down as a precaution.

"The RCMP were bringing in a helicopter from Edmonton along with police dogs and they are on a manhunt right now," Mayor Greg Pasychny said in an interview.

"I'm shocked again," he said.

> **"I want him caught in the worst way."**
> Mayor Greg Pasychny

"I am really glad that she is alive. I know that she is shaken up, but she is alive," he said.

"We know now that he is still around the community and that there is a very good chance of apprehending him. And that makes me excited because I want him caught in the worst way."

The second attack came as the medical examiner confirmed that Emily Stauffer, 14, was murdered, but police would not say how she died or if she was sexually assaulted.

Emily Stauffer is shown in a family handout photo. The medical examiner confirms that the 14-year-old girl found dead in Edson, Alta., was murdered, but police will not say how she died.

Emily's body was found Saturday afternoon on a trail on the outskirts of the oil industry town west of Edmonton.

RCMP Cpl. Wayne Oakes said police won't release details of the crime because it might interfere with the investigation.

He said some of the evidence has been sent for forensic examination.

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Quebecer who turned 18 on day victim died goes to adult court

A man who turned 18 the same day a three-year-old girl died when she was mowed down by a car west of Montreal is to be tried in adult court.

Superior Court Justice Richard Mongeau ruled today there is no doubt Bianca Leduc died last Oct. 31, the accused's 18th birthday.

Both the accused and a 17-year-old were charged with dangerous driving and criminal negligence causing death.

Leduc was playing among Halloween decorations on her babysitter's lawn in L'Ile-Perrot when she was hit by a car.

A lower court judge paved the way in June for the accused to be tried in youth court when she cited a precedent in Alberta giving someone a 24-hour grace period when they have allegedly committed a crime on their 18th birthday.

As the defence has 30 days to appeal Mongeau's ruling, the judge issued a publication ban on the identity of the accused.

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In 1918, the franchise at federal elections was extended to all women 21 years of age and older. During the following year, women became eligible for election to the House of Commons. The first woman MP — Agnes Macphail of the Progressive Party — was elected in 1921. **ELECTIONS CANADA**

Election 2008

Speech ripped off: Adviser

Harper 2003 address on Iraq war copied talk by Aussie prime minister

A senior Conservative policy adviser has quit amid damaging revelations by the Liberals that a major 2003 speech by Conservative Leader Stephen Harper on the Iraq war copied almost word-for-word a speech by former Australian prime minister John Howard.

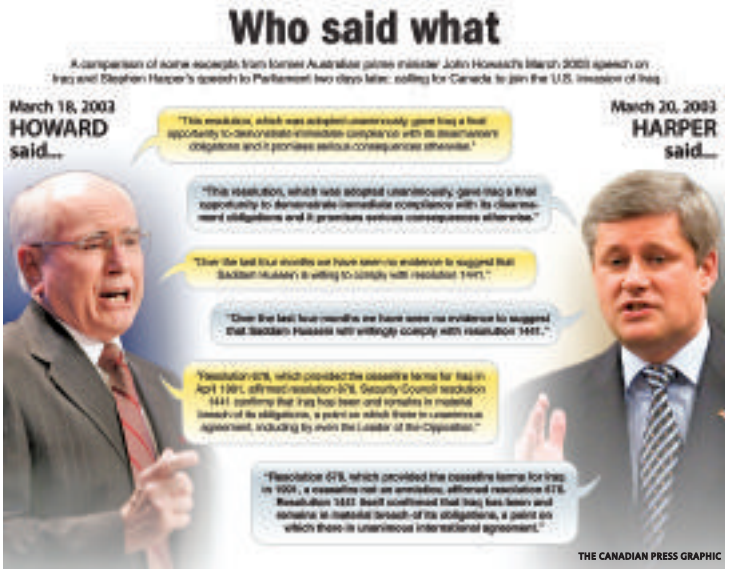
The resignation came hours after the Conservative campaign downplayed the plagiarism allegation as cheap "gotcha politics" on the eve of the French debate, "irrelevant" to the election at hand.

Owen Lippert, a campaign worker in Conservative party headquarters, admitted the speech was ripped off.

Lippert, an experienced foreign policy researcher with a PhD and expertise in intellectual property, apologized, quit the Conservative campaign, and distanced Harper from the brazen act of plagiarism.

"I was tasked with — and wrote — a speech for the then–leader of the Opposition. Pressed for time, I was overzealous in copying segments of another world leader's speech," said Lippert in a written release on party letterhead.

"Neither my superiors in the office of the leader of the Opposition nor the leader of the Opposition was aware that I had done so.



"I apologize to all involved and have resigned my position from the Conservative campaign."

It is the second resignation by a Conservative campaign official and comes as Harper was preparing to square off against his four political rivals tonight in the nationally televised French leaders' debate.

Harper, whose meticulous attention to and rewriting of his speeches is a point of pride for him and often precludes any advance distribution of them to reporters, was in rehearsals for the French-language debate. He was not available to answer any questions on the matter.

Despite initially downplaying it, Harper spokesman Kory Teneycke said in an interview with the Toronto Star after Lippert resigned that "of course" officials were concerned when the allegations first arose.

"It's a rare occurrence in academics, journalism or in politics. It's a very serious thing when it does happen, but it's not unprecedented in any of those occupations. But in all of those occupations, it's the third rail."

That's a metaphor for political dynamite, a potential career-ender.

"It's a very serious thing when it happens, for obvious reasons," Teneycke said.

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Watch Stephen Harper's March 2003 speech on Iraq at metronews.ca/canada

Background

Bob Rae

Rae blows whistle on 2003 speech

REVELATION Bob Rae says he only learned over the weekend about the similarities in the 2003 speeches given by the Australian prime minister and Stephen Harper that laid out arguments for signing on to plans by the government of U.S. President George W. Bush to invade Iraq.

Rae, who made the explosive revelation about the speeches yesterday, said he had already been planning to give a speech on foreign policy, arguing "Canada needs to find its own voice again," so the tapes fit in perfectly with that theme.

Rae, the Liberal foreign affairs critic, said there was no attempt to delay the release of the tapes until just before this week's leaders' debates.

The Liberals left no stone unturned when they released video and transcripts yesterday morning revealing that Howard and Harper delivered largely the same speech just days apart in March 2003, including many passages that were identical word-for-word.

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Numbers

Tories hold on to 10-point poll lead

SUPPORT A new poll suggests there's been little movement in popular support over the last couple days. The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey shows the Tories remain at 36 per cent, with the Liberals steady at 26 per cent.

The poll surveyed 1,247 people Friday through Monday and is considered accurate to within 2.8 percentage points, 19 times out of 20. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Economy front and centre for debates

The financial crisis in the United States has forced the economy to the forefront of Canada's televised leaders' debates.

Broadcast executives yesterday rewrote the format of tonight's French televised debate and tomorrow's English event to allow the five politicians more time to discuss the fallout from the financial storm that has been pummelling stocks and financial markets and made the economy the key issue in the run-up to the Oct. 14 vote.

The decision to devote more time to economic issues came after the Conservatives appealed to the broadcast consortium that runs the televised debates asking that a full hour, instead of 12 minutes, be devoted to the issue of the economy. The New Democrats and the Green party endorsed the request.

Gone are the opening and closing statements by respective leaders. Instead, they'll devote the first 30 minutes of the two-hour debate to the economy.

"Given recent events in the global economy and its impact on Canada, the economy has become a paramount issue," the consortium said in a statement.

"In addition, the moderators will take advantage of the flexibility built into the debate format to allow for more time to be devoted to this important issue," the statement said.

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Debate times

- The French debate will be broadcast live from 8 to 10 ET tonight on CBC, Radio-Canada, Global Television, CTV and TVA. The English debate is tomorrow from 9 to 11 p.m.

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Burning issue for artists

Actress Mary Walsh gathered a group of Newfoundlanders at Middle Cove Beach for a Sweater Vest Burning Bonfire on Monday — a shot at Stephen Harper's new clothing style. The arts community is livid with the Conservatives for cutting funding to arts programming. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Election 2008

Heard on the Street: What's the most important issue in this election campaign?

From Metro newsrooms across Canada

Paul Dolan
age 41,
Toronto

A: It's probably going to be the economy and what's going to happen ... It will be interesting to see which party's going to come up with the best approach to offset what's going to happen here.

Cheryl Cooke
age 61,
Toronto

A: One of the most important issues is food: The healthiness of food, the availability of food, the ability of people to acquire good food locally. It's important to me.

Frank Bray
age 67,
Toronto

A: Probably the most important issue is, in fact, the economy today. But the economy in the future is the future of Canada and the fiscal responsibility of the government for the future.

Ingrid McLean
age 21,
Halifax

A: I find it's really expensive to go to university now. We're all in debt; I'm in a horrible amount of debt. Once I get out I'm pretty much guaranteed to be working a crappy job to pay it off.

Mahmoud Amer
age 24,
Ottawa

A: We need better health care, less taxes and better loans and bursaries for students.

Ève Côte
age 29,
Montreal

A: The environment and the war in Afghanistan. I'm more concerned about the environment since I have a child. Our future should be green ... Money invested in war should be used for the environment.

Sam McKee
age 19,
Calgary

A: The environment. We're not doing nearly enough to invest in alternative technologies like solar electricity or wind power.

Gloria Stephenson
Edmonton

A: Health care and education are the most important things. I don't think the health-care system is as good as it could be and we need more doctors. University tuition is also way too high, and we need more solutions for day care.

Lea Lokman
age 22,
Vancouver

A: Immigration is important. I am afraid (Prime Minister Stephen) Harper might crack down on policy, which would be difficult for international students like me who want to stay here long term.

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The cost of an election

Political change doesn't come cheap. Aside from the millions raised by political parties to fuel their campaigns, there's the cost of the electoral process and millions in reimbursements to parties and candidates — borne by the taxpayer. The cost of the 2006 election was $270 million. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Election 2008

Environmental groups rally for anti-Tory vote

Greenpeace and Sierra Club Canada teamed up yesterday to urge Canadians to defeat Stephen Harper's Conservatives.

The two large environmental groups told a press conference they've taken the "unprecedented" move of getting directly involved in the election to challenge the Conservative government's climate change plan, which has been roundly criticized both nationally and internationally.

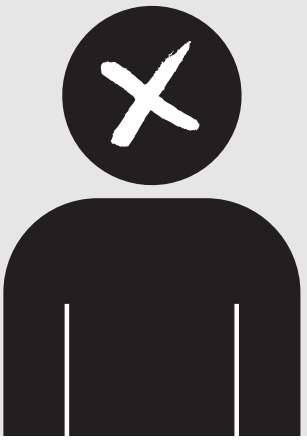
"If you care about the environment and if you want real action on climate change do not vote Conservative," Greenpeace executive director Bruce Cox said.

Cox said the Conservative government has ignored the best available science to combat global warming and in so doing is jeopardizing Canada's environmental future.

"This election represents a critical turning point," Stephen Hazell, executive director of Sierra Cub Canada, said. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

A federal general election is taking place on October 14, 2008.

New identification rules to vote!



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e.g.: health card and hydro bill

OR

Swear an oath and be vouched for by an elector who is on the list of electors in the same polling division and who has an acceptable piece or pieces of identification.
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- Credit/Debit Card with elector name
- Canadian Forces Identity Card
- Veterans Affairs Canada Health Card
- Employee Card issued by employer
- Old Age Security Identification Card
- Public Transportation Card
- Student ID Card
- Library Card
- Liquor Identification Card
- Canadian Blood Services/Héma-Québec Card
- Fishing Licence
- Wildlife Identification Card
- Hunting Licence
- Firearm Acquisition Card/Firearm Possession Card
- Outdoors Card and Licences
- Local Community Service Centre Card (CLSC)

ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS (containing name and address)

- Credit Card Statement
- Bank Statement
- Utility Bill (residential telephone, cable TV, public utilities commission, hydro, gas or water)
- Attestation of Residence issued by the responsible authority of an Indian band or reserve
- Local Property Tax Assessment
- School, College or University Report Card or Transcript
- Residential Lease, Residential Mortgage Statement or Agreement
- Canada Child Tax Benefit Statement
- Income Tax Assessment Notice
- Insurance Policy
- Government Cheque or Government Cheque Stub with elector name
- Statement of Employment Insurance Benefits Paid (T4E)
- Canada Pension Plan Statement of Contributions/Quebec Pension Plan Statement of Participation
- Statement of Old Age Security (T4A) or Statement of Canada Pension Plan Benefits (T4AP)
- Statement of Benefits from provincial workplace safety or insurance board
- Statement of Direct Deposit for provincial works or provincial disability support program
- Vehicle Ownership
- Vehicle Insurance
- Attestation of Residence issued by the responsible authorities (shelters, soup kitchens, student/senior residences, long-term care facilities)
- Letter from public curator

Note: The pieces of identification required under the *Canada Elections Act* are not the same as those for provincial or municipal elections.
The above information is also available in a number of heritage and Aboriginal languages on the Elections Canada Web site at www.elections.ca.

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Nigerian military arrests hundreds in restive southern oil region
Hundreds of suspected insurgents have been arrested by security forces in Nigeria's restive southern oil region, a military spokesman said yesterday. Suspects were detained in military raids that began last week after the militants ended a string of attacks and declared a ceasefire Sept. 21. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Rockers unite for Obama

Rock stars Bruce Springsteen and Billy Joel are teaming up for their first joint concert to benefit Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama. Obama plans to attend the concert at the Hammerstein Ballroom in New York City on Oct. 16.
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Bailout under revision

Insuring bank deposits top priority in Washington

U.S. Congressional leaders, President George W. Bush and the two rivals to succeed him rummaged through ideas new and old yesterday, seeking to change a dozen votes in the House of Representatives and pass a multibillion-dollar economic rescue plan.

At the top of the list: Raise confidence in the U.S. banking system by increasing the government's insurance.

In addition, there was talk of making it easier for financial institutions to hold questionable long-term assets, an idea embraced by some of the House Republicans who slapped down the bailout bill and sent stocks tumbling on Monday.

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President George W. Bush finishes his statement about the economic bailout bill and financial crisis in the Diplomatic Reception Room of the White House in Washington.

Wall Street regained hope yesterday, and the Dow Jones industrials rose 485 points, making up a portion of the ground lost in the 778-point plunge a day earlier.

Congressional leaders hope the changes under discussion — or a few others that could be in the mix — will be enough to persuade as few as six House Republicans and six Democrats to undo Monday's stunning vote that rejected a proposed $700 billion US rescue.

Some legislators suggested the Senate might approve its own version today, presumably with a few changes to the failed House bill, and then give the House a new crack at the legislation before the week is out.
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Judge to hear arguments in Palin's 'Troopergate' case

COURT A judge in Alaska is set to hear arguments this week on whether he should halt an abuse-of-power investigation of Gov. Sarah Palin by the Alaska legislature.

Anchorage Superior Court Judge Peter Michalski has scheduled a hearing for tomorrow in a lawsuit filed by five Republican legislators.

They say the investigation has been tainted by partisan politics since Palin has been nominated as the Republican vice-presidential candidate.

The legislators want to block the state Legislative Council's investigation into whether Palin acted improperly when she fired Public Safety Commissioner Walt Monegan.

Palin denies that she pressured Monegan to fire a state trooper who had gone through a bitter divorce with her sister.
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News in brief

POLITICS Greece's embattled conservative government is hanging by a thread after kicking out one of its own deputies in a risky move to impose party discipline. The party now has just a razor-thin majority in parliament.

MILITARY Pakistan's army chief named Lt.-Gen. Ahmed Shujaa Pasha, a man considered a hawk in the fight against al Qaeda and the Taliban, to head the country's powerful spy agency.
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U.S. officials to investigate post-Katrina shootings by police in New Orleans

Federal officials will investigate the fatal shootings that took place on a New Orleans bridge following Hurricane Katrina. The announcement comes after the dismissal of charges against seven New Orleans police officers accused of gunning down two men on the bridge. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Billionaire plans 2nd space trip

A software billionaire plans on becoming the first private traveller to make a second trip into space.

Charles Simonyi, 60, first travelled into space when he flew to the International Space Station with a Russian crew on a 13-day trip in April 2007.

Vienna, Va.,-based Space Adventures says Simonyi now plans to go back aboard another Russian rocket in 2009.

The company did not say how much it will cost Simonyi for the trip.

The software engineer, who helped develop Microsoft Word and Excel, paid $25 million US for his first space voyage.

Space Adventures first launched a private client into space in 2001.

Its sixth client — due to fly Oct. 12 — is Richard Garriott, son of NASA astronaut Owen Garriott.

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Mugabe demands top posts

POLITICS Zimbabwe's opposition says its leader has again met with President Robert Mugabe but failed to agree on how to share cabinet posts.

Spokesman Nelson Chamisa says opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai is appealing to African leaders to intervene in the deadlock.

He says Mugabe repeated demands yesterday for his party to hold all the top cabinet posts in a unity government — including finance, defence, foreign affairs and home affairs.

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Spy secrets found in camera: Media

BRITAIN A British newspaper is reporting that an official from British spy service MI-6 sold a camera on EBay that contained sensitive intelligence records, including the names of terrorist suspects.

Media reports say a 28-year-old Briton bought the Nikon Coolpix camera for $31 US and discovered the secret material when he downloaded pictures after a holiday in the United States.

A document stored on the camera's memory card was marked "top secret" and detailed an encrypted computer system used by intelligence officials.

The buyer was not identified.

Police told The Associated Press they seized a camera after being alerted by a member of the public.

Spokesman Colin Connolly of Hertfordshire police says officials are investigating.

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Migrants **Rescued near Canary Islands**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/EFE

Migrants rest after Spain's marine service rescued their packed boat with 229 migrants aboard off the Canary Islands yesterday. The boat is said to be the biggest single boatload of migrants to reach the northwest African coast archipelago. The migrants were later taken to Los Cristianos on Tenerife Island.

48-year sentence for boy's death

COURT A Denver woman who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the starvation death of a seven-year-old boy has been sentenced to 48 years in prison. Chandler Grafner died in May 2007.

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News in brief

LEBANON Two more people have died from wounds suffered in Monday's car bombing in northern Lebanon, raising the overall toll to seven. Five soldiers and two civilians were killed and at least two dozen people were wounded when the bomb exploded near a military bus in Tripoli.

COURT A British court yesterday struck down immigration restrictions placed on Gurkha veterans who served in the country's armed forces, handing a significant victory to the Nepalese group that has served Britain for nearly 200 years.

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Oil prices rebound above $100 US a barrel

Oil prices swung back above $100 US a barrel yesterday, rising as high as $101.40 following a $10.52 plunge a day earlier, with a growing consensus among investors that the U.S. Congress will resurrect a failed financial bailout plan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Road grader unit to shift work to U.S.

About 500 jobs are being lost in Goderich, Ont., as the Volvo group moves most road grader work from its Ontario plant to a U.S. factory.

The Swedish company – separate from the Volvo carmaker – said yesterday that its Volvo Construction Equipment division will shift the majority of its grader activities from the town on the Lake Huron shore to Shippensburg, Pa.

The move, which includes relocation of a parts warehouse to Ohio, will be completed in phases by 2010.

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Roots

- The plant in Goderich, a community of 7,000, traces its roots to the 1950s when two local entrepreneurs started Champion Road Machinery. Volvo bought it out in the 1990s.

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Buyers getting cautious

Canadians worry about U.S. meltdown, soaring prices

More Canadians than ever are seeking debt counselling after maxing out the equity in their homes, or putting off home renovations to shore up sagging finances as they worry about the U.S. economic meltdown, soaring costs for gasoline, food and other necessities, say experts.

Consumer confidence also is being undermined as money gets tighter, the value of people's homes slips, more jobs are cut in the economy, volatile markets take a toll on investments, and potential home buyers become more cautious.

"We are definitely seeing an increase in people that are contacting us that have basically exhausted all (financing) options with their bank," said Amanda Miller, sales manager with Debt-Managers Canada, which helps people avoid bankruptcy.

This increased uncertainty is reflected in the housing market, said Adrienne Warren, an economist with Scotiabank.

"There are fewer buyers now than there were a year ago ... on average."

Derek Nighbor, senior vice-president of national affairs for the Retail Council of Canada, said "we've seen a bit of softening from the beginning of the year" in retail sales.

But "if you compare sales to this time last year, things are still moving in a positive direction," he said.

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Cutting back

- Canadian consumers are cutting back on restaurant spending, taking more meals at home, and shifting their coffee consumption away cafes to home brewing, RBC Capital Markets said.

Bank aims to ease credit markets

SALE The Bank of Canada said yesterday it will auction $4 billion worth of 28-day purchase and resale agreements today and is selling $4 billion of its holdings of treasury bills as it works to lubricate seized-up credit markets.

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U.S. eyes Humvee replacement

RIVALS The Pentagon is inching closer to replacing the Humvee, currently the vehicular backbone of U.S. military operations in Iraq, with the latest lightweight tactical vehicle under development.

The U.S. Defence Department next month is expected to select three of the seven competing teams to advance to the next phase of the competition.

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Trading places Teen reenacts Great Depression

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Jeremy Conroy, 13, sells apples in front of the New York Stock Exchange yesterday in a reenactment of boys selling apples during the Great Depression. He is donating profits to the Obama campaign. Financial markets remained troubled a day after the U.S. House of Representatives voted down a proposed $700 billion US rescue plan for the financial sector.

Former Black partner transferred to Canada

PRISON Former newspaper executive David Radler, who was jailed at a Pennsylvania federal prison, has been turned over to Canadian authorities.

Radler, 65, was released Sept. 18, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Bureau of Prisons confirmed yesterday.

David Radler

The transfer came under a treaty that allows Canadian nationals to serve sentences imposed by U.S. courts in their home country. But Radler's prison time could be cut short by his transfer.

Radler went to prison for joining Conrad Black in swindling the Hollinger International empire out of millions of dollars.

He entered the Moshannon Correctional Institute in February to start a 29-month sentence after pleading guilty to a single count of mail fraud under a bargain that included his testimony against former partner Black.

Canadian rules allow for very short sentences in similar cases, raising the possibility he was eligible for release soon after crossing the border.

Black, a Canadian-born British lord and the former face of the Hollinger International newspaper holding empire, is serving a 6½-year fraud sentence.

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U.S. regulator clears Canadian Pacific's $1.5-billion acquisition of railroad
Canadian Pacific Railway has received U.S. regulatory approval for its $1.48-billion US acquisition of Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad that will give it improved access to the Kansas City gateway, the U.S. Southwest and Mexico. THE CANADIAN PRESS

In brief

COSTLY STORMS Entergy Corp. estimated yesterday that damage from hurricanes Ike and Gustav cost the power provider $1 billion US to $1.2 billion US. Of Entergy's six power utilities in Louisiana, Texas and Mississippi, Entergy Texas took the most damage during Ike — an estimated $435 million to $510 million.

SHIPPING The U.S. Coast Guard is allowing Great Lakes freighters to continue sweeping dry cargo residues overboard but has set new reporting requirements and designated sensitive locations where sweeping is off-limits. Freighters wash about 450 million kilograms of coal, iron ore and other material into the lakes every year.
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Gas price holiday won't last: Expert

Gasoline prices have been ratcheting down in Canada as economic jitters chip away at energy demand, but an analyst said yesterday he expects the break to be short-lived.

"It's going to be extremely volatile until the Wall Street mess and the election is sorted out," said Roger McKnight, whose Oshawa-based firm En-Pro International advises industries on fuel hedging.

McKnight foresees real problems taking hold in the spring, as dwindling fuel inventories and low refinery utilization rates come to a head at a time of year when demand traditionally ramps up.

> **"The inventory numbers really scare me."**
> Roger McKnight

"The inventory numbers really scare me," he said. "The inventory situation is very critical and I'm very doubtful that it can be brought back online in time for next spring."

Rob Laidlaw, an investment adviser with Acumen Capital Partners, said pump prices are beginning to reflect drops in crude oil. The price of crude oil has likely reached a bottom, Laidlaw said.

"Gasoline prices have a little ways to come down from where they were," he said. "Now that we're going into a slower season, just the supply-demand factor would suggest that gasoline prices would come down."
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Teachers give up some inflation protection

PAYROLL Faced with a yawning hole in their pension plan and the prospect of soaring payroll deductions, Ontario teachers have agreed to give up half of the inflation protection that made their pensions the envy of educators and taxpayers across Canada.

The potentially costly concession, at least for young teachers, was required for the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan to eliminate the $12.7 billion deficit estimated at the end of 2007, when the country's second-largest pension plan had assets of $108 billion.

Who's protected

- Pensioners, and those who retire or quit before 2010, will still have full protection from price inflation.
- New teachers starting after 2009 will have only half of their pension indexed if the fund runs short of money.

The change will affect only pension entitlements earned after 2009. Benefits could still be fully sheltered from rising prices, but only if the pension plan decides later it has enough money on hand.
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Jays give coaching staff contract extensions

The Toronto Blue Jays will keep their coaching staff intact next season. The team agreed to two-year contract extensions yesterday with pitching coach Brad Arnsberg, bench coach Brian Butterfield, third base coach Nick Leyva, first base coach Dwayne Murphy, hitting coach Gene Tenace and bullpen coach Bruce Walton. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports

Raiders fire head coach Kiffin

The Oakland Raiders fired Lane Kiffin, left, yesterday just four games into his second season, ending a public feud with owner Al Davis that had been simmering since the start of the year. The Raiders promoted offensive line coach Tom Cable to interim head coach. Kiffin had a 5-15 record since being hired last year, losing his final game 28-18 on Sunday to San Diego.

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Calderon ready to lead Raptors

Point guard has come a long way in the three years he has spent in the NBA

Jose Calderon arrived in Toronto three years ago as an unheralded point guard who had been toiling in the Spanish League and never stepped foot on an NBA court. He apologized profusely for his poor English and referred to his teammates as "my friends" in his endearing attempts to grasp the language.

Three years later, and after countless hours in the gym and numerous tongue-lashings from Raptors head coach Sam Mitchell, Calderon has finally earned the mantle of Toronto's starting point guard.

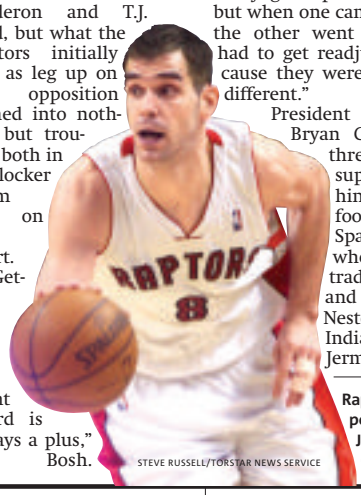
But, not surprisingly to those who know him, his approach to the game and his team remains the same.

"Jose is going to be the same dude no matter what happens," said Raptors captain Chris Bosh.

"You know me, I just come down here and try to work 100 per cent, think about my team like always," Calderon said after the team's first practice of training camp yesterday. "Right now we are 13 guys just trying to get our work done. I don't think about 'This is my team,' I think it's everybody's team. I don't feel a big difference about it."

But to his teammates, having Calderon in charge of running the offence makes a significant difference. The Raptors had two guards good enough to be NBA starters last season in Calderon and T.J. Ford, but what the Raptors initially saw as leg up on the opposition turned into nothing but trouble, both in the locker room and on the court.

"Getting our usual one point guard is always a plus," said Bosh. "Last year, both guys were really good point guards, but when one came in and the other went out you had to get readjusted because they were both so different."



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Raptors point guard Jose Calderon

President and GM Bryan Colangelo threw his support behind the six-foot-three Spaniard when he traded Ford and Rasho Nesterovic to Indiana for Jermaine O'Neal. He then signed Calderon to a five-year contract extension worth just over $40 million US.

Calderon, who captured a silver medal with the Spanish basketball team at the Beijing Olympics, was one of the league's most efficient point guards in 2007-08, ranking eighth in assists and leading the league in assist-to-turnover ratio.

And while shooting was one of his glaringweaknesses when he first arrived in Toronto, the 27-year-old has made major strides. He led Toronto in free-throw percentage (90.8) and finished 10th in the NBA in three-point percentage (42.9) and 18th in field-goal percentage (51.9).

While his shooting has improved, he's grown comfortable in his role as a leader on the team.

"I feel like I'm home. I've been three years in Toronto, I feel all the confidence on my back," said Calderon. "Everybody has confidence in me, the coaches, Bryan ... my teammates, so I feel great."

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Sampson signed

- The Raptors have signed free-agent forward Jamal Sampson, a cousin of Ralph Sampson, who is expected to give Toronto frontcourt depth after the loss of Nathan Jawai.

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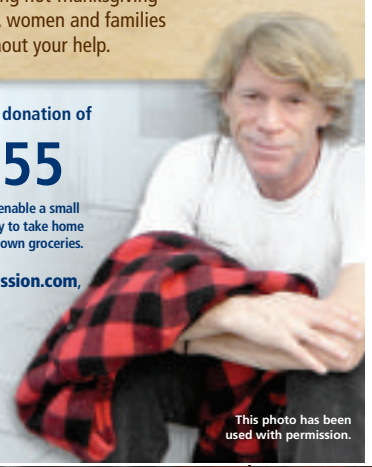

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Man U finds its scoring touch

SOCCER Dimitar Berbatov scored his first two goals for Manchester United in a 3-0 Champions League victory at Aalborg yesterday while Real Madrid rode its luck in a 2-1 victory at Zenit St. Petersburg.

Although Juventus came back from two goals down to draw 2-2 at BATE Borisov, it fell two points behind Madrid. But Arsenal outplayed FC Porto 4-0 to jump above the Portuguese champion to the top of Group G.

Bayern Munich rallied for a 1-1 draw with Lyon to stay at the top of Group F by two points. Fiorentina and Steaua Bucharest drew 0-0., as did Fenerbahce and Dynamo Kyiv.

Villarreal edged Celtic 1-0 to join United with four points in the group, the only goal coming from Marcos Senna's free kick in the 67th minute. Celtic and Aalborg have one point each.

After failing to score and win its first Group E game against Villarreal, defending champion Manchester United badly needed a victory at Aalborg.

Wayne Rooney ran onto a pass from Ryan Giggs to give United a 22nd-minute lead. Then Berbatov punished an appalling blunder by Aalborg captain Thomas Augustinussen, who played a back-pass straight to him for an easy shot home.

Berbatov sent Cristiano Ronaldo's cross into the net for the third goal in the 80th.

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Ze Roberto of Bayern Munich, right, scores against Lyon at the Allianz Arena in Munich yesterday. The game ended in a 1-1 draw.

Penguins' Gonchar out four to six months

Pittsburgh Penguins defenceman Sergei Gonchar will undergo arthroscopic surgery on his dislocated left shoulder Thursday and be sidelined for four to six months. Gonchar, 34, finished second among defencemen in scoring last season. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Chasing Mats Sundin

Clubs shift focus off Swede on to Gaborik

YorkReport

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Two NHL clubs in Canada who've been getting nowhere in their almost-daily pursuits of Swedish free agent Mats Sundin have begun to make pitches for a younger offensive star from Slovakia.

Sources tell Metro that both the Vancouver Canucks and Ottawa Senators have informed Minnesota Wild officials that they'd be willing and eager to take Marian Gaborik off their hands in a trade if they can't sign the high-scoring winger to a new contract.

Gaborik, 26, is seeking a salary worth more than $8.5-million U.S. a season. And, while Minnesota officials would like to accommodate Gaborik by renegotiating his existing deal, they doubt they can afford to pay him what he'd like. If the sides can't agree on a new contract soon, the Wild may trade him. They also could continue to negotiate in the coming regular season, but that would be a distraction players and clubs generally prefer to avoid.

While keeping their eyes on the Gaborik situation, the Canucks and Sens continue to regularly chase the 37-year-old Sundin on the free-agent market and have offered the ex-captain of the Toronto Maple Leafs even more than what it would take to satisfy Gaborik.

• Another Canadian club, meanwhile, is exceeding its salary cap and is planning to unload a player or two to free up space. The Calgary Flames wouldn't mind solving their problem by dealing veteran defenceman Adrian Aucoin and his $4-million salary. Thing is, Aucoin has a no-trade clause

• Add the names of Gord Kirke and Phil Lind to the list of candidates to succeed Paul Godfrey as the Blue Jays' president.

Kirke is a renowned sports lawyer who drafted the original documents to create the Jays back in 1976. Lind is an executive with the Rogers group that owns the Jays.

Also on the list are ex-Rogers exec John Tory and ex-Jays execs Paul Beeston and Pat Gillick.

• Gillick is completing his tenure as general manager of the Philadelphia Phillies, who are favoured to win the World Series this month...Right behind the Phils on the favourites' list are the Chicago Cubs, who've gone 100 years without a Series championship. B.C. native Ryan Dempster, who predicted an end to the Cubs' drought on the first day of spring training, starts in Chicago's playoff opener today...New York's Shea Stadium, after 44 years, is history as the Mets prepare to move to a new facility next season, but, for a mere $100,000, you can buy its home dugout. If you're searching for a bargain, buy the visitor's dugout for $50,000. Or a foul pole for $25,000.

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Phelps calls interviewer an idiot

• Immediately after finishing a live telephone interview on ESPN Radio the other day, U.S. swimming star Michael Phelps told a nearby friend: "That guy (interviewer Dan LeBetard) was an idiot." LeBetard and his audience heard the comment. Seems Phelps neglected to hang up. Which prompted LeBetard to question Phelps' intelligence level.

Sox squeak into playoffs

MLB Thanks to Jim Thome's bat and Ken Griffey Jr.'s arm, the AL Central has a winner at last: the Chicago White Sox.

John Danks pitched eight innings of two-hit ball, Thome homered and Griffey threw out a runner at the plate with a tough tag by A.J. Pierzynski, helping Chicago beat the Minnesota Twins 1-0 in a 163rd-game tiebreaker for the division title yesterday night.

The White Sox joined the Cubs in the post-season, the first time since 1906 that both Chicago teams are in.

Next up for the South Siders, a first-round matchup with the surprising Rays. Game 1 is Thursday at Tampa Bay.

The White Sox got a huge boost Tuesday from two of their oldest players: Thome and Griffey, both longing for their first World Series championship.

Thome's long drive on a 2-2 pitch from rookie Nick Blackburn cleared two rows of shrubs in centre field, travelling an estimated 461 feet to snap a scoreless tie in the seventh. It was the 541st homer for Thome, who raised his right fist as he rounded first base. He hadn't been to the playoffs since 2001.

Griffey, who came to the White Sox in a trade with the Reds so he could have a chance at playing in the post-season, cut down Michael Cuddyer with a nice throw in the fifth. Griffey, who like Thome, is 38, will be making is first post-season appearance since 1997 with Seattle.

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Chicago White Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski, left, tags out Minnesota Twins' Michael Cuddyer at home during the fifth inning of an American League Central Division tiebreaker baseball game yesterday in Chicago.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE
One-game tiebreaker
Chicago W. Sox 1 Minnesota 0
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BEST OF FIVE
L.A. Angels vs. Boston
TONIGHT'S GAME
Boston at L.A. Angels, 10:07
FRIDAY'S GAME
Boston at L.A. Angels, 9:37
SUNDAY'S GAME
L.A. Angels at Boston, TBA
Tampa Bay vs. Chicago W. Sox
THURSDAY'S GAME
Chicago W. Sox at Tampa Bay, 2:37
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Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 3:07
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Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 6:37

CFL

EAST DIVISION	W	L	T	PTS
x-Montreal	9	4	0	18
Winnipeg	5	8	0	10
Toronto	4	9	0	8
Hamilton	2	11	0	4
WEST DIVISION	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PTS**
Calgary	9	4	0	18
B.C.	8	5	0	16
Saskatchewan	8	5	0	16
Edmonton	7	6	0	14

(x — clinched playoff spot)
WEEK 15
FRIDAY'S GAMES
B.C. at Toronto, 7
Calgary at Saskatchewan, 10
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Montreal at Hamilton, 4
Winnipeg at Edmonton, 7

NFL

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EAST DIVISION	W	L	T	PTS
Buffalo	4	0	0	1.000
New England	2	1	0	.667
N.Y. Jets	2	2	0	.500
Miami	1	2	0	.333
SOUTH DIVISION	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PTS**
Tennessee	4	0	0	1.000
Jacksonville	2	2	0	.500
Indianapolis	1	2	0	.333
Houston	0	3	0	.000
NORTH DIVISION	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PTS**
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	.667
Cleveland	1	3	0	.250
Cincinnati	0	4	0	.000
WEST DIVISION	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PTS**
Denver	3	1	0	.750
San Diego	2	2	0	.500
Oakland	1	3	0	.250
Kansas City	1	3	0	.250

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EAST DIVISION	W	L	T	PTS
N.Y. Giants	3	0	0	1.000
Washington	3	1	0	.750
Dallas	3	1	0	.750
Philadelphia	2	2	0	.500
SOUTH DIVISION	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PTS**
Carolina	3	1	0	.750
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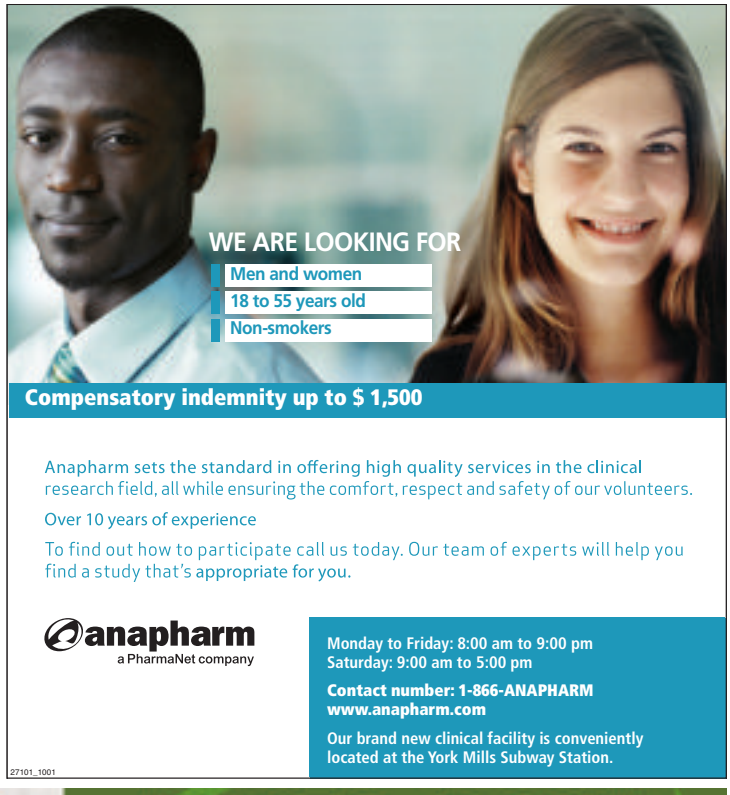

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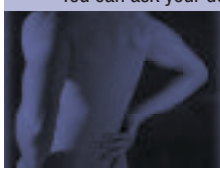

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Bulger back as Rams' starting QB

Marc Bulger is the St. Louis Rams' starting quarterback again in one of Jim Haslett's first moves as their new coach. Backup Trent Green started Sunday's 31-14 loss to the Buffalo Bills. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Luongo named captain

The Vancouver Canucks have named goaltender Roberto Luongo as their new captain.

Coach Alain Vigneault says Luongo can't wear the C on his jersey because he's a goalie but is permitted to be designated the team's captain.

The team also named three alternates in Ryan Kesler, Mattias Ohlund and Willie Mitchell.

Luongo says he's ready to lead and is excited by the opportunity.

The Canucks were left without a captain after Markus Naslund signed a free agent contract with the New York Rangers in the off-season. The Swedish forward had worn the C since 2000.

Other Canucks captains have included Mark Messier, Stan Smyl, Orland Kurtenbach and Trevor Linden. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Comeback awards go to Lidge, Lee

MLB Brad Lidge has a shot to cap his perfect season with a World Series ring. Cliff Lee should be ready to clear room in the trophy case for a Cy Young Award.

First, the two pitchers received a different honour yesterday when they were selected Comeback Players of the Year.

Lee

Lee was 22-3 with an American League-leading 2.54 ERA for the Cleveland Indians and could be their second consecutive Cy Young winner. He went 5-8 with a 6.29 ERA last year and was demoted to the minor leagues.

Lidge was a perfect 41-for-41 in save opportunities as the NL East champion Philadelphia Phillies' closer. In 2007, he converted just 19 of 27 for the Houston Astros and lost his spot as an elite closer.

Mandarich admits to using steroids

NFL Former NFL draft bust Tony Mandarich, a native of Oakville, Ont., says he used steroids at Michigan State and faked a drug test before the 1988 Rose Bowl.

He also said during an interview on Inside the NFL that will air today on Showtime in the U.S. that he did not use steroids in the NFL but was addicted to alcohol and painkillers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

NHL The Los Angeles Kings acquired defenceman Sean O'Donnell from the Anaheim Ducks yesterday, receiving a conditional selection in the 2009 NHL draft in return.

NHL Buffalo Sabres centre Paul Gaustad is expected to miss at least three to four weeks after undergoing surgery to repair a torn ligament in his right thumb yesterday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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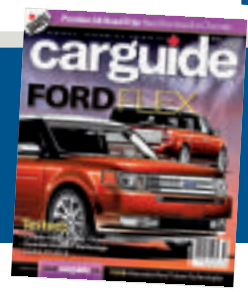

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Audi lives life large

Performance-packed A4 makes room for more fun

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada

Audi now claims best-in-class rear legroom, meaning it's safe to take your friends for drives again.

The Audi A4 has grown for 2009 – literally. Width is up by 53 mm, while track increases by 46 mm, improving shoulder room and handling respectively.

More importantly, the wheelbase stretches 165 mm although overall length is only up by 117 mm. Audi now claims best-in-class rear legroom, meaning it's safe to take your friends for drives again.

From an enthusiast's point of view, the additional length and wheelbase free up room for the new front chassis architecture. Borrowed from the A5/S5 coupes, the revisions allow the engine to sit more between the front wheels instead of ahead of the front axle, providing better balance and handling.

The front suspension itself is still Audi's traditional five-link system, with a trapezoidal link rear setup.

The direct-injection engines are familiar yet tweaked for '09, adopting Audi's new Valvelift system to maximize power and efficiency. The 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder has received a thorough going over, producing 211 hp and a fantastic 258 lb-ft of torque from 1,500 to 4,500 rpm. The 2.0 TFSI will scoot the A4 from 0-100 km/h in a scant 6.7 seconds, and returns 8.2 L/100 km combined.

However, the optional 3.2-litre V6 seems less impressive on paper. While its 265 hp is up 15 from before, the 3.2 V6 FSI only accelerates to 100 km/h two-tenths faster yet averages 10.1 L/100 km combined.

For now, both engines are offered with six-speed Tiptronic automatic transmissions, although six-speed manuals and a CVT (only on FrontTrak models) will make appearances later in the spring.

Most models will come equipped with Audi's legendary quattro all-wheel drive system, although now power is biased 40/60 front/rear in an effort to improve its driving manners. Don't expect RS4-like handling prowess as the A4 is tuned much less aggressively.

Safety is handled with six 'adaptive' airbags, ABS with ESP, brake assist and brake-disc wiping, and height-adjustable seatbelts. Strangely, rear airbags are still only optional.

The A4 comes in two bodystyles — for now: sedan and Avant (wagon).

New for 2009 is Side Assist, plucked from the Q7 SUV, which uses the rear parking sensors to determine if a vehicle is sitting in the car's blind spot and will flash to warn the driver accordingly.

A4 pricing starts at $39,700 for a FrontTrak with a manual transmission, although for now, all models offered in Canada will be quattro-equipped with Tiptronic.

Even entry-level A4s get a good amount of standard equipment, including 17-in wheels, a sunroof, leather seats, aluminum interior, split-folding rear seat, power driver's seat, 10-speaker 180-watt sound system with auxiliary input, and automatic climate control.

Moving up the ladder, the 2.0 TFSI quattro Premium includes bi-xenon headlights, a six-disc CD player, three-zone climate control, Bluetooth capability and automatic wipers and lights.

The 3.2 FSI comes only one way: fully loaded, meaning all the toys in the Premium package plus a 505-watt 14-speaker Bang & Olufson sound system, Side Assist, rear parking sensors, auto-dimming mirrors, adaptive headlights, and a colour driver information display.

The interior is pulled directly from the A5/S5, so it's certainly familiar and well put together.

2009 Audi A4

Type: Sedan
Price: $39,700
Engine: 2.0-litre I-4, 16 valve DOHC, Turbocharged, Direct Injection / 3.2-litre V6, 24 valve DOHC, Direct Injection
HP: 211 @ 5,300-6,000 rpm / 265 @ 6,500 rpm

Highlights

- Larger interior space
- All-wheel drive system
- Six-speed Tiptronic

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Asian brands, fuel concerns on the rise: Survey

More new-vehicle buyers than ever cite inadequate fuel efficiency as a reason for choosing one car over another, according to a study of vehicle preferences.

The study released last week by J.D. Power and Associates also said a growing number of potential car buyers are considering buying Asian brands, while the number favouring cars from North American-based automakers is shrinking.

"Fuel economy has definitely become a more important issue, and I think if we were in the field with the survey right now I think it would be even more important," said Tom Gauer, senior director of automotive retail research at J.D. Power.

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The results of the study, conducted from May to July, come as U.S.-headquartered automakers are scrambling to get fuel-sipping vehicles to the market.

General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. have been ramping up production of small cars while cutting production of slow-selling trucks and sport utility vehicles.

GM also plans to sell a new global compact car, the Chevrolet Cruze, in the U.S. in 2010, the same time Ford will introduce its new European-designed Fiesta. Both cars are expected to get close to 40 miles per gallon (5.9 litres/100 km).

The J.D. Power survey showed nearly 20 per cent of buyers cited fuel consumption as a reason for rejecting one car in favour of another, up three percentage points from 2007.

It was the biggest year-over-year increase among reasons cited for rejecting a car, Gauer said, and has climbed from about 15 per cent in 2003.

However, fuel economy remained in third place among the most important factors consumers cited. The No. 1 factor remained price, which 40 per cent of buyers cited as a reason for turning down a car. The No. 2 factor was monthly payments, Gauer said.

Meanwhile, the proportion of American buyers considering an Asian brand rose three points to 63 per cent, while the number considering domestic brands shrank three points to 55 per cent.

That trend has been ongoing for several years, Gauer said. More telling, he said, is that shoppers who consider buying both Asian and U.S. vehicles are more likely to choose the Asian brand — and they are most likely to do so because of "product attributes," such as vehicle quality or fuel efficiency.

J.D. Power surveyed 29,903 new-vehicle buyers by mail. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Magazine flexes digital muscle

MEDIA In celebration of its 75th anniversary, Esquire magazine and the new Ford Flex has made publishing history with the first-ever digital cover. The ground-breaking cover of the October issue of the magazine and the double-page advertisement for the Flex inside the front cover of Ford's newest crossover "electrifying the night" give the illusion of moving words and images, courtesy of flexible electronic display technology produced by E Ink, the same company that developed the technology used in Amazon.com's e-book device, Kindle.

The Genesis's trump card isn't just its good looks; it's the drivetrain.

On hallowed ground

Hyundai starts new chapter with Genesis

MICHAEL BANOVSKY
for Metro Canada

Apart from the conspicuous absence of a Hyundai badge, the Hyundai Genesis from some angles looks somewhat like a Mercedes-Benz S-Class. Other viewpoints bring out a little bit of BMW 5-Series, Lexus GS, Infiniti M – all of which are easily recognized as luxury vehicles.

But the Genesis's trump card isn't just its good looks; it's the drivetrain – either a 3.8 L V6 with 306 horsepower or a 4.6 L V8 with 375 horses. All that power is channelled through the rear wheels. The V8 even has a limited-slip differential.

So-called the "Tao" V8, a Genesis so equipped can do zero to 100 km/h in well under six seconds, and onto a 14.1-second quarter-mile time.

Credit goes to a near-perfect weight distribution and adaptive shock absorbers manufactured by Sachs — which are standard on all models. The chassis seems reluctant at first to liven up, being geared more toward ride comfort than Nürburgring Nordschleife lap times. But because the suspension needs to sense the driver wants to attack a series of corners, you need a certain absence of imagination to what will happen if the 1,817 kg car doesn't decide to stick.

Price ranges from $37,995 to $48,995, with the V8 starting at $43,995. Standard on the V6 and V8 base models are: Six-speed automatic transmission, ABS with EBD, eight airbags, front active headrests, electronic stability control, air conditioning, leather seats, heated seats, power locks, power windows, dual zone climate control, auto defogging system, proximity entry with smart key system, AM/FM/XM/MP3 stereo with six-disc CD player and seven speakers, iPod and USB/AUX-input, heated exterior mirrors, and front fog lights.

2009 Hyundai Genesis

Type: Sedan
Price: $37,995/$43,995
Engine: V6, DOHC 3.8 L /V8, DOHC, 4.6 L
HP: 290 @ 6000/375 @ 6550

Highlights

- Powerful engine
- Luxury appointments
- Classic styling

All this, if we're honest, is more than anyone could ever want — until you get to the $2,000 premium package, which adds things like a sunroof, larger rims, HID headlights, and front and rear parking sensors.

But wait, there's more. The $5,000 technology package installs woodgrain trim, power rear sunshade, Lexicon 17-speaker audio system, cooled driver's seat (a cooled passenger seat will be added to the mix in a few months), navigation system, back-up camera and adaptive headlights.

The Lexicon stereo, by the way, is one impressive piece. It's not quite loud enough at higher volumes, but makes up for a lack of punch with smooth and crisp sound. And there's no distortion.

Accompanying the stereo is an easy-to-use navigation and infotainment system that is controlled by an iDrive-ish knob on the console. It's all easy to use, attractive and a leap forward for Hyundai's in-car navigation offerings.

The vehicle deserves its Genesis nomenclature to signify the start of a world-beating, luxury car-making manufacturer.

Zenn gears up for Canadian debut

Zenn Motor Company (ZMC) is ready for the Canadian debut of its all-electric Zenn vehicles in Quebec. Following the announcement by Transport Minister Julie Boulet of a three-year, province-wide pilot project enabling the sale of low-speed vehicles (LSVs), ZMC has obtained a retailer license to proceed with direct customer sales from its factory in Saint-Jérôme, Que.

To celebrate its Canadian debut, Zenn is hosting a launch event for the made-in-Quebec, zero-emission, no-noise Zenn at its Saint-Jerome manufacturing facility this Saturday.

All prospective consumers who signed up for ZMC's waiting list via its website will be invited to test drive the Zenn, meet ZMC officials and enjoy the event of bringing the first commercial electric low-speed vehicles to the Canadian market. This launch event will mark the first day of sales operations and the company will be taking orders and deposits on a first-come, first-serve basis for the first Zenn deliveries in Canada.

"The all-electric Zenn is proudly manufactured in Quebec and it is certainly fitting that its Canadian debut is in this highly progressive province that is committed to supporting zero-emission transportation solutions," says Ian Clifford, CEO of Zenn.

"It is certainly fitting that its (Zenn's) Canadian debut is in this highly progressive province (Quebec) that is committed to supporting zero emission transportation solutions."
Zenn CEO Ian Clifford

The Zenn is a fully featured, all-electric, low-speed vehicle that offers consumers a guilt-free driving experience. The Zenn represents everything good about personal transportation: It's stylish, fun and socially responsible.

It cruises at a federally regulated top speed of 40 km/h and can travel on roads with posted speed limits of 50 km/h. The Zenn is perfect for those short local trips to pick up groceries, drop off dry cleaning or rent a movie.

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Book offers handy auto tips for car owners

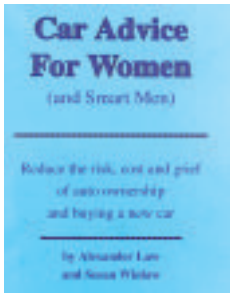
A new source of car advice, written by automotive journalists Alex Law and his wife Susan Winlaw, has become available for the Canadian consumer.

"Anyone concerned with her fiscal and physical well-being should find Car Advice For Women (and Smart Men) of great value," says Susan Winlaw, the 312-page book's co-author.

"We filled Car Advice For Women with information that would help people who already have a car as well as tips for people looking for a new one," Winlaw says. "So it's more of a user's guide than a buyer's guide."

Because safety and security have long been the primary auto-related concerns for women, Car Advice For Women covers those issues in great detail, offering tips on how to make your current car safer and how to pick out the safest vehicle possible if you're buying a new or used car.

"Some of the safety tips will be familiar (seatbelts and so on)," says Winlaw,



"but many of them may come as a surprise to readers. For example, most women don't know they're in danger because they sit way too close to the steering wheel, or because they leave objects lying around loose in the car. And almost no pregnant women think about the risks to their unborn children they're creating by simply being in a moving car."

There's also a significant amount of information on how to address affordability issues, which are becoming more important as fuel costs rise.

"Following any one of several pieces of our advice will enable you to earn back the cost of our book," Winlaw says.

Car Advice For Women (and Smart Men) is available for $24.95 (plus shipping and handling) only at www.caradviceforwomen.com or www.carnewsforwomen.com

Car Advice For Women also pays considerable attention to the bad advice that's gained undue credibility through constant repetition.

"We call those things Old Husbands' Tales," says Winlaw, "and we throw some reality on them."

Toyota unveils rear window airbags

INNOVATION Toyota Motor Corp. has developed a rear window airbag to upgrade protection for back-seat passengers. In the event of a rear-end collision, the air bag is ejected from the roof lining above the rear window and spreads like a curtain to protect the heads of the rear passengers. Toyota said yesterday the rear window curtain-shield air bag is the world's first. The new safety gear will debut in the "iQ" compact four-seat vehicle, to be introduced later this year.

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Return to Thunderdome

Aussie-born Pontiac G8 would make Mad Max proud

MICHAEL BANOVSKY
for Metro Canada

Apart from the Corvette, the Pontiac G8 has been born from one of General Motors' longest-running development programs. It's been honed, fettled and evolved over 30 years of testing, economic change and countless performance derivatives. It's even a successful racecar.

Now you think I'm crazy, because North America hasn't seen anything like this from Pontiac in decades. But there's one country on the planet where big, rear-drive vehicles still roam: Australia.

The G8 is, in fact, our first able-to-buy car from GM's Outback-based automaker, Holden. Our G8 is even built in Australia and shipped over — ensuring its pedigree remains intact.

I won't bore you with how things like "racing pedigree" and "history" make a car great, but all of the successful market mainstays follow one of those two decrees: The Porsche 911, Mercedes-Benz S-Class, Toyota Corolla, VW Rabbit, Honda Accord, Ford F-150, etc., etc. And now, the Pontiac G8 joins that club.

With a caveat, of course. The interior is interesting. More a product of "old" GM, the inside of the G8 is simply OK, but not spectacular.

In the base car, the materials, plastics, upholstery and layout are all right, but not stellar. The highlight is a Blaupunkt radio with MP3 compatibility and an auxiliary input jack as standard, and the optional (kicking!) 11-speaker system.

The G8 isn't soft. In the base model, the engine will wind you to 100 km/h in about seven seconds with its 256-horsepower, 3.6-litre V6. It feels slower than that, but it's more due to the car's road manners than anything. Fuel economy numbers sit at 12.2 L/100 km city and 8 L/100 km highway.

With 50/50 weight distribution, firm-not-jarring suspension and a shiftable automatic transmission, the car feels much more upmarket than it looks.

Forgive the abrupt end of V6 talk, but if I use up all the terms in my Automotive Journalist Cliché Dictionary there will be none left for the V8 model.

The V8-powered G8 GT is simply boss. It's a road warrior. It's like the cool, angry Mel Gibson in Mad Max. But not like the crazy, angry Mel Gibson at the side of the freeway. Hell, the car revs at 2,000 rpm at 130 km/h in sixth gear.

The G8 is a big car, though, so you'd expect it to be hopeless in corners. With fully independent suspension, stabilizer bars, and adjustable camber, caster and toe (just adjustable camber and toe on the rear), the G8 is easily the best-driving Pontiac model.

It doesn't matter that the car is capacious, that it's built well, that it looks great or that its road manners are leagues ahead of anything in its class. You're thinking about fuel economy. And though it has wonderful economy for its class, the big, rear-drive V8 thing may not pass muster with public perception.

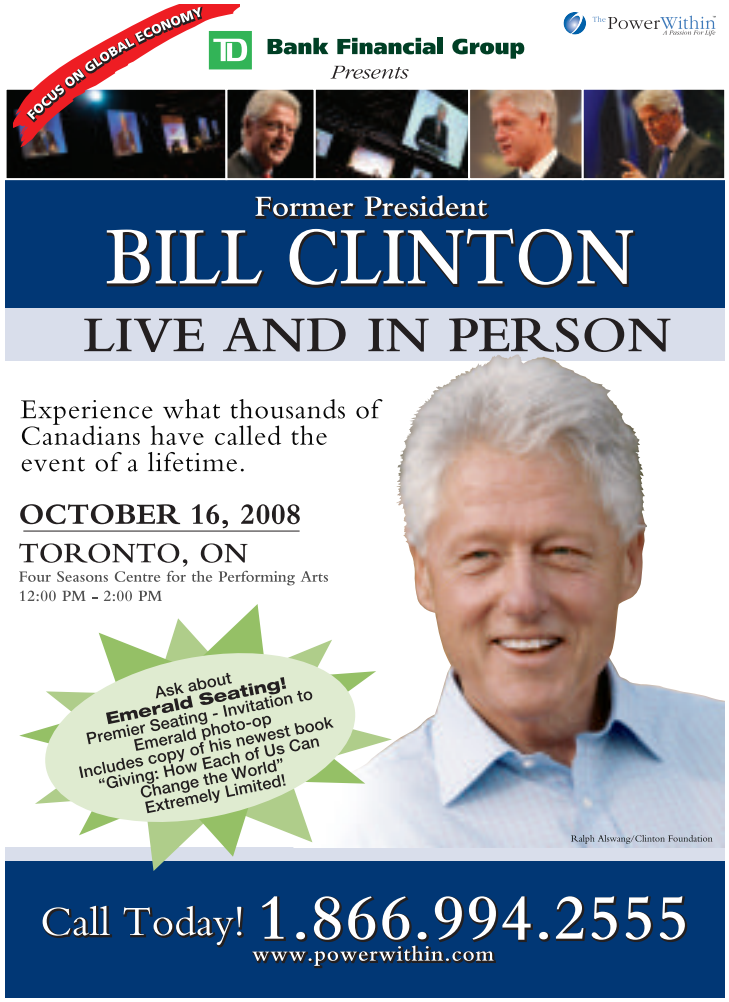
The base V6 starts at $31,995 and the GT at $36,995.

2009 Pontiac G8

Type: Sport
Price: $31,995 to $36,995
Engine: V6, 3564 cc/ V8, 5967 cc
HP: 256 @ 6300/361 @ 5300

Highlights

- Sporty styling
- Fast and smooth
- Feels upmarket



Green hotels
Calgary-based Bellstar Hotels & Resorts has announced that it is offsetting 100 per cent of its energy usage at its Alberta properties with carbon-neutral energy supplied by Direct Energy. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Travel

Award winner
For the second time in five years, Cancun has won the World Travel Award for Best Destination in Central America and the Caribbean. The awards celebrate the cream of the crop in the world travel industry. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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The etiquette of Oktoberfest

When at the Munich fest, you'll need to know your Weisswurst

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More than six million beer fans with their steins at the ready have descended on the German city of Munich for this year's Oktoberfest, which continues until Oct. 5. But they don't just get the chance to celebrate their favourite brew, they also have the perfect excuse to feast on an almost-legendary Bavarian sausage.

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Babsi Stadlhuber, Oktoberfest's most famous waitress, serves mugs of beer after the ceremonial opening of the 2007 Oktoberfest beer festival in Munich, Germany.

JOHANNES SIMON/GETTY IMAGES

FOODCOLLECTION

A giant beer mug is seen between the clock towers of St-Paul's-Church on the final day of the 2007 Oktoberfest beer festival in Munich, Germany. Left, Weisswurst, or white sausage, is an Oktoberfest staple that's eaten with a pretzel, sweet mustard and wheat beer.

Weisswurst, or white sausage, is a traditional Bavarian sausage made from very finely minced veal and fresh pork bacon. Invented roughly 150 years ago in the kitchen of the Gasthaus zum ewigen Licht hotel on Munich's Marienplatz, it is usually flavoured with parsley, also known as beiderl, lemon, mace, onions, ginger and cardamom, though there are some variations.

The mixture is then stuffed into fresh, clean pork casings and separated into individual sausages about four to five inches in length and a bit less than an inch in thickness.

For the Weisswurst, the mark of quality is its colour; ideally it should be white as snow, with hints of beiderl visible underneath the tender sausage skin. The sausage is not smoked, so it must be made fresh every day. As a result, Bavaria quickly developed a strict code for the consumption of Weisswurst.

One of the rules of eating Weisswurst states that the sausage should not be allowed to hear the church bells' noon chime, and for the same reason, that a Weisswurst never travels.

A pair of Weisswurst should be consumed with Süsser Senf, a sweet mustard, and the only kind of mustard that may be consumed with Weisswurst, and a pretzel (Brezen in Bavarian).

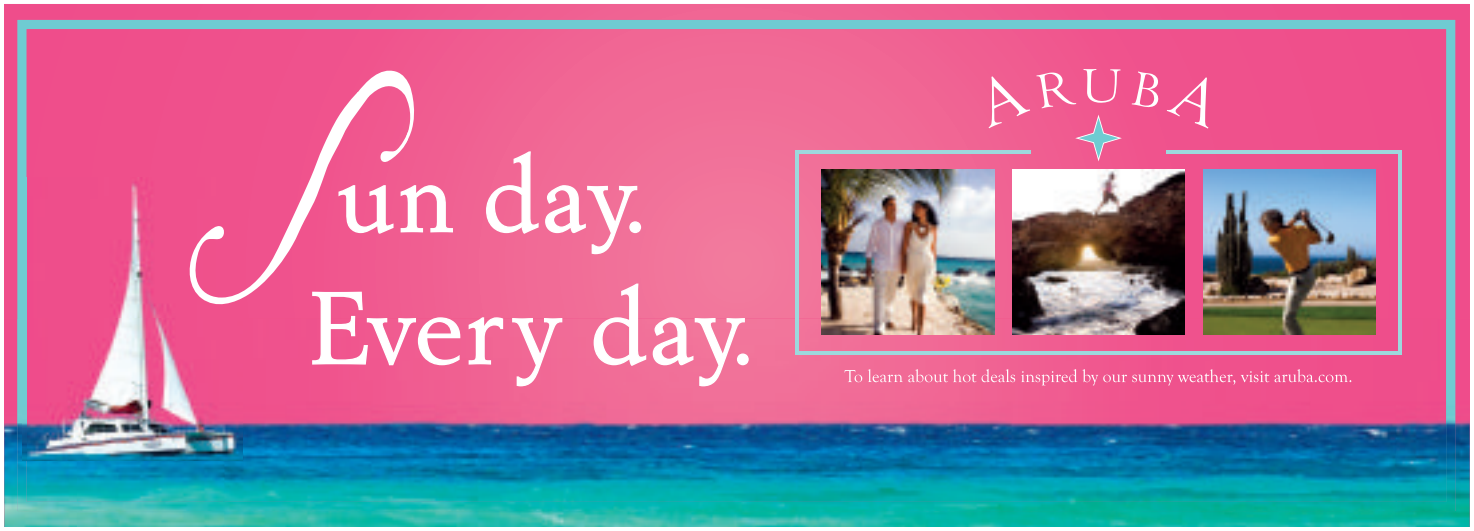
You should wash down your Bavarian meal with Weissbier, Bavarian wheat beer. Paulaner and Franziskaner are perhaps the most readily available brands, and Löwenbräu would be a controversial choice due to its now Belgian ownership, although certainly acceptable in terms of taste.

Weisswurst is eaten without its skin; traditionally one cuts open an end of the sausage and sucks out the meat. This method is referred to as zuzeln. It is also acceptable, and more polite to your tablemates, to strip the sausage of its skin with a knife and fork.

Twist the fork like you're twirling spaghetti to roll the meat out of the skin, slather some mustard on it with your knife, and enjoy.

Any restaurant flying the trademark blue and white checkered Bavarian flag would be an acceptable location to enjoy Weisswurst, but of course the aforementioned Gasthaus zum ewigen Licht would be an excellent choice if you are in town for the Oktoberfest. Although perhaps the best location in Bavaria is the Tegernseer Hütte, an Alpine mountain hut at 1650 metres altitude between the peaks of the Roß- and Buchstein mountains.

You can also pick up high-quality fresh sausages at the Dallmayr shop in Munich airport — but don't tell any Bavarian you did so!



Art exhibit

A major exhibit of abstract art opens in St. Louis in October. The Saint Louis Art Museum will host Action/Abstraction: Pollock, de Kooning and American Art, 1940-1976, beginning Oct. 19. The exhibit will travel to the Albright-Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo, N.Y., after it closes in St. Louis in January. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Channelling your inner Tarzan

Aerial rope parks let participants have fun in the trees

Aerial rope parks are growing in popularity, as people discover the fun of acting like Tarzan and swinging from tree to tree.

"I don't know if we realized how big it would be," said Martin Ouellet, co-ordinator of the Arbraska Adventure Park in Rigaud, an hour north of Montreal.

The park opened five years ago and each season has been busier than the last.

The pastime, known as Hebertism, is named after its inventor Georges Hebert, an officer of the French marines and an accomplished gymnast who died in 1957.

Hebert noticed the fitness of remote tribespeople during his worldwide military travels and developed a training method based on their physical lifestyles that incorporated the fundamental movements of the human body.

He later applied it to training French soldiers in the early 20th century.

The first aerial rope park opened in Quebec in 2001 and a number of parks across the province now offer the activity to schools, day camps and families. Arbraska also runs a "treetop trekking" park at Ontario's Horseshoe Resort.

Hebertism involves moving above ground from tree to tree on a series of suspended bridges, platforms, ladders, climbing nets, rope swings and zip lines.

Visitors are given mountain climbing gear — a harness, carabiners and cords, a helmet and a pulley for the zip lines. They are also required to go through a 30-minute safety initiation.

Then, accompanied by a guide, they head into the trees for up to three hours at a time.

The courses range in difficulty from beginner — some are made for children as young as five — to more physically demanding sites that require dexterity and strength. Other courses just offer speed and thrills.

Participants wear a harness that is hooked to a wire to prevent anyone from falling to the ground.

Ouellet said the sport is open to everyone: "I've seen 75-year-olds up in the trees."

The highest platform at the Arbraska Park is more than 20 metres off the ground, the longest zip line is more than 200 metres, and zip line speeds can reach 50 kilometres an hour.

Arbraska's Rigaud park features La Rafale, the highest and longest aerial trail in Quebec and one that features 30 tree-top activities.

Many visitors do have a fear of heights, said Ouellet: "They get a little vertigo."

"They come to conquer their fear. But some people just come for the adventure, or are looking for something out of the ordinary."

Tatyana Satanovsky, who was visiting the park with co-workers from the Montreal-based IT firm where she works, said she was initially apprehensive about the height and jumping off platforms on a zip line.

"Every time I jumped, I said: 'Tell my kids I love them,'" she joked.

But Ouellet said most people get comfortable after a few minutes up in the trees.

"I make jokes to help them relax," he said, although he admits some visitors succumb to their fear, freeze and need to be coaxed down a ladder by a guide. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Martin Ouellet, the co-ordinator of the Arbraska Adventure Park in Rigaud, Que. shows some of the equipment used in Herbertism, a tree-climbing that uses ropes, nets, zip lines and ladders.

Martin Ouellet, the co-ordinator of the Arbraska Adventure Park in Rigaud, Que., climbs a ladder among the trees.

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Feds warn of scams in Riga

LATVIA The Foreign Affairs Department is warning tourists heading to Latvia to watch out for scam artists operating in bars in the capital, Riga.

In an online travel advisory, the department says there are reports of tourists being pressured to pay exorbitant prices for drinks. "Some tourists have been assaulted, threatened or forced to withdraw cash from bank machines to pay the bill," according to the advisory.

The Baltic Times Newspaper, based in Riga, recently reported that the scams were on the rise in the city's bars and restaurants. Tourists from Finland alone have been defrauded of more than $150,000 in total, said police.

On the TravBuddy website, a male traveller posted an account of meeting a woman in downtown Riga: "She took me into this club and when I was inside I was handed a bill for around ... $300 US. I asked what it was for and the guy said so that I could live tomorrow."

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Bridge clears way for N.B. park

For now it's a bridge to nowhere, but New Brunswick officials say a new span near the Bay of Fundy coast clears the last hurdle toward completion of a massive tourism project that has been more than two decades in the making.

The bridge over Big Salmon River officially opens Saturday, launching the second phase of the Fundy Trail Parkway — a road and trail system that winds its way along the scenic Bay of Fundy coastline.

"For me, the bridge symbolizes the missing link — the thing we need to complete the project all the way through and realize everybody's dream," said Brian Clark, manager of the Fundy Trail. "From a tourism point, it opens up the coastline all the way along."

The $11-million bridge allows for work to begin on the remaining roadway to link St. Martins with Fundy National Park.

"Once completed it will create a whole new tourism destination . . . incorporating the Reversing Falls in Saint John, the sea caves in St. Martins, Fundy National Park, Cape Enrage, and Hopewell Rocks all in one group," said Clark.

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A view of the Bay of Fundy coastline from the Fundy Trail near St. Martins, N.B.

The Fundy Trail was started in 1990 and began with the purchase of 28,000 hectares of land from the Hearst Corp.

The coastline features spectacular views of the bay, red sandstone cliffs, waterfalls and secluded beaches.

The project consists of a winding, two-lane road for cars and a network of trails for hikers and cyclists.

"There are a lot of very athletic hikers who can hike that coast, but there are a lot of people who may be handicapped or elderly who also should be able to see the view," said Frank Wilson, president of the Fundy Trail Development Authority.

"There's a lot of parking where people can easily get up onto the wooden platform areas and get a good view."

The bridge represents almost half the money spent on the trail project so far, and required major design work and environmental impact assessments to allow it to be built.

"We're across that river and now it's pretty clear sailing," said Wilson. "It's just a case of getting the cash flow, and we don't have any great big, expensive challenge on the way out."

More than 30 more kilometres of trail is needed to complete the project.

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Canoe race
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What hiking dreams are made of

Slovenia's Julian Alps boast thousands of promising paths

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A popular hike just outside of Bled, this 1,600-metre path along the Radova River winds through Slovenia's Vintgar gorge.

The Julian Alps provide an alternative for tourists looking to escape mainstream crowds and mainstream prices.

For outdoor adventurers who love to hike, the Slovenian landscape is Mother Nature's playground. With 10,000 kilometres of marked paths across the country, the hiking possibilities seem endless, from the tops of snow-crusted mountains to the base of the river gorge.

Slovenia's big attraction centres around the Julian Alps, a mountain range of 4,400 kilometres with 120 peaks over 2,000 metres high. Less tourist-y than the Alpine spine that snakes across Italy or Switzerland, the Julian Alps provide an alternative for tourists looking to escape mainstream crowds and mainstream prices.

All through the region, there are thousands of paths challenging climbers of all levels. Some hikes span weeks, some span days, others hours. Choosing which one is right for you depends on your level of fitness and schedule.

Here are three popular hiking options:

• The Slovenian Mountain Path is a 500-kilometre hike, stretching from Maribor to Ankaran. This 30-day adventure crosses the mountains and ends on the shores of the Adriatic Sea. The Path Over Martinj Vrh takes hikers across 13 kilometres of ridges, peaks, picturesque villages and farms that offer homestays.

• Another popular ascent is Triglav, the highest mountain in Slovenia. With a summit of 2,500 metres, Triglav usually takes two to three days to hike and is a must do for any "real Slovenian."

• For a quick day hike, I travelled just outside of the historic town of Bled for a glimpse at Vintgar Gorge. Discovered in 1891, Vintgar has been a tourist attraction since the late 19th century. While it was dangerous to visit back then, today's well-marked trail of wooden planks makes it accessible to everyone.

Walking through the pristine landscape along the 1,600-metre path, I felt a deep sense of calm. The underwater ripples were meditative and serene. Trout swam happily in the marine-blue waters of the Radova River in liquid so clean, clear and inviting that I was tempted just to jump in — clothes and all.

Sitting by the tranquil waters was my chance to revitalize. In the early morning the Vintgar gorge was a little oasis at the base of the Julian Alps, but by 9:30 a.m. the tour buses arrived and the path was jammed with sightseers. This was my cue to scram. I had another story to write, another suitcase to pack, another plane to catch.

Julia Dimon is co-host of Word Travels, airing on OLN; juliadimon.com.

Cranberry fest kicks off

Five tonnes of fresh cranberries will be on sale at the 13th annual Fort Langley Cranberry Festival, which celebrates the fall harvest For more info, visit http://www.fortlangley.com/cranberry08.html. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Fall for mushrooms across B.C.

BRITISH COLUMBIA If the mere mention of chanterelles and morels gets you salivating, consider a trip to a mushroom festival this fall.

The Aerie Resort on Vancouver Island hosts a half-day Great Fall Mushroom Hunt each Saturday in October.

The cost is about C$130 and includes transportation from the resort to forested hunting areas and a three-course lunch, (www.aerie.bc.ca.)

Also on Vancouver Island's west coast, the annual Bamfield Mushroom Festival takes place Oct. 18 in Bamfield (www.mushroomfestival.ca) with events including a mushroom hunt, mushroom derby, dinner and dance.

On Washington's Long Beach Peninsula, the Wild Mushroom Celebration includes a month of mushroom-centric dinners and tastings.

The celebration begins with an Oct. 10 dinner at the Depot Restaurant in Seaview to a Nov. 6 dinner at the Tuscany Cafe at the Port of Ilwaco, (www.funbeach.com/mushroom/index.html.)

The Lake Quinault Lodge in Washington's Olympic National Forest hosts the Quinault Rain Forest Mushroom Festival, Oct. 17-19. Admission is $20 for the weekend, free for children 5 and under. Rooms at the lodge, about 3 1/2 hours from Seattle, start at $89.

The event features mushroom walks, mushroom collecting seminars, cooking and identification classes, tips for growing mushrooms and activities for kids, (www.visitlakequinault.com.)

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A school bus travels on Route 13 north passing Chittenango Falls State Park in Chittenango, N.Y., about 30 miles east of Syracuse.

Yellows and oranges and reds, oh my!

If you're trying to figure out the best days to go leaf-peeping, consider using the Farmers' Almanac as your travel guide. The 2009 edition of the almanac has peak fall colour forecasts for all but a handful of states, as follows:

Sept. 28-Oct. 8: Vermont (northern)

Sept. 28-Oct. 29: New York, depending on elevation and distance from coast.

Oct. 5-15: Colorado, Maine (inland), Michigan (northern), Minnesota (northern), Montana (central), New Hampshire (inland), New Mexico, Vermont (southern), Wisconsin, Wyoming

Oct. 12-22: Arizona, Idaho, Illinois (northern), Indiana (northern), Iowa, Kentucky (eastern), Maine (coastal), Massachusetts (inland), Michigan (southern), Minnesota (northern), Missouri (northern), Montana (western), New Hampshire (coastal), North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia.

Oct. 19-29: Arkansas (Ozarks), California (northern), Connecticut, Illinois (southern), Indiana (southern), Kentucky (western), Maryland (inland), Massachusetts (coastal), Missouri (southern), New Jersey (inland), North Carolina (inland), Oregon, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Virginia (inland), Washington

Oct. 26-Nov. 5: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia (northern), Maryland (coastal), Mississippi (northern), New Jersey (coastal), North Carolina (coastal), South Carolina, Virginia (coastal)

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Charleston opens its doors
One of the more popular tourist events in Charleston is back: The annual Fall Tours of Homes and Gardens sponsored by the Preservation Society of Charleston (preservationsociety.org), continues through Oct. 26. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Feel Washington's election buzz

U.S. capital pulses with excitement during presidential race

EMMA E. FORREST
for Metro World News

Washington, D.C. is an exciting city to be in right now, especially with a presidential race taking place. The city is both easy to navigate, has plenty to discover, and is a great place to feel the election buzz first-hand this fall.

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Protestors are a part of Washington, D.C.'s political landscape you might encounter during a trip to the U.S. capital.

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Bi-Partisan's two-tone electric cars are a perfect way for political fence-sitters to tour the capital.

Sightseeing at the mall

Before you get under the skin of the city, orient yourself with the Bi-Partisan tour, a wacky expedition in a two-tone electric car. You'll whizz past the majestic monuments of The Mall in this quirky automobile while your guide entertains you with the history of the city.

If you want to show your political allegiance, toot your horn — there's a braying donkey for the democrats, and a trumpeting elephant for the republicans (bi-partisantourcompany.com).

Sights to explore on foot include the U.S. Supreme Court (supremecourtus.gov), the National Archives (nationalarchives.gov), Library of Congress (loc.gov), Union Station (unionstationdc.com) and the International Spy Museum (spymuseum.org).

For an alternative twist on U.S. history, recap on the major events of the last hundred years as seen through the media at Newseum, an engaging museum dedicated to all things media, with a gallery of Pulitzer Prize photographs, and a moving space dedicated to 9/11 and the opportunity to film yourself presenting the news (newseum.org).

Power lunching

Museums might be a must, but there are reminders of D.C.'s political past and present all over town. Get into the election spirit and go for a power lunch — movers and shakers do their deals over fancy meals.

Close to Capitol Hill, The George, is the city's first boutique hotel. Washington's elite come here for functions or to dine alongside other local and foreign dignitaries in the upmarket bistro, Bis.

Keep an eye out for political celebrities including Obama and the Clintons, as well as Hollywood stars from Sean Penn to Kevin Bacon who stay there when they're in town to support their favourite causes (hotelgeorge.com).

At the Renaissance Mayflower hotel, D.C.'s political scenesters rub shoulders in the Town & Country Bar. The largest luxury hotel in the city, this is the site of most U.S. presidents' inaugural balls and J Edgar Hoover's favourite lunchtime restaurant.

Earlier this year, disgraced New York State Governor Eliot Spitzer chose to have his tryst with a call girl in room 871 (marriott.com).

For something a little more discreet there's always breakfast at the Four Seasons, over in Georgetown and away from the heart of the action. Even if you're not meeting up with a senator, it's worth visiting for the breakfast alone, in particular the crab cake Benedict, a mountain of juicy Chesapeake crab dressed with tangy tomato hollandaise (fourseasons.com/washington).

Political cocktails

If dining in fancy restaurants is not your thing, then there are plenty more affordable ways of registering your vote.

Bars across the city have conceived party-inspired cocktails, so you can show your support for either Obama or McCain by picking a red or blue martini at the bar.

Younger lobbyists mingle in the bars and restaurants in the Adams-Morgan and U Street neighbourhoods. Politicos meet up for beer and chicken wings at Stetsons, a crowded Tex-Mex dive bar, or smarten up for dinner at hip, minimalist restaurant Leftbank on 18th street (leftbankdc.com) .

Further down the street is a reminder of the civil rights battles fought in the city, Ben's Chili Bowl. Currently celebrating its 50th year, this hot dog restaurant and D.C. institution is the only establishment to have survived the 1968 riots and resulting degeneration and regeneration of the area.

TV star Bill Cosby is a fan of their signature dish, the Chili Half-Smoke, a half pork and beef smoked hot dog with mustard, onions and chilli sauce. benschilibowl.com

For a romantic alternative, have a late supper at old-fashioned Georgetown diner, Martin's Tavern, where JFK proposed to journalist Jacqueline Bouvier in one of its booths (martins-tavern.com).

Inaugural packages

If you're planning to be in town for the inauguration, be sure to reserve your room quickly.

Most hotels are offering a minimum five-night package, and most of those have already been snapped up by U.S. society's finest, who will attend the week of prestigious inaugural balls.

Luxury hotels are pulling out all the stops, from The George, which will have their own hair stylists and beauticians on hand, to The Four Seasons, which is having a revamp for the occasion, with six new presidential suites, including one with bulletproof windows for VIP guests.

Washington, D.C. 101

- Where to stay: The Donovan Hotel. Washington D.C.'s newest boutique hotel with stylish minimalist rooms and a rooftop pool overlooking the sights of D.C. Room rates from $189 (thompsonhotels.com).
- When to go: cold in winter and hot and humid in summer, D.C.'S is good all year round. For cheaper rates in hotels and restaurants visit in August, when the Senate is not in session and restaurant week takes place, with upmarket restaurants offering cheap menus.

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Refaeli set to host Iconic travel special on Bravo

Bar Refaeli has a sweet spot for destinations that feed her sugar habit. The Israeli model picked the Necco candy factory near Boston and New York's Serendipity restaurant — home of the frozen hot chocolate — as two of her favourite places on a long, winding road trip of the U.S.

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In this file photo, model Bar Refaeli arrives on the red carpet at the Cannes film festival.

Refaeli's trip, taken with poet Rives (of HBO's Russell Simmons Presents Def Poetry), was documented for the Bravo TV special Ironic Iconic America, debuting Oct. 3.

Their road map was inspired by the coffee-table book Iconic America: A Roller Coaster Ride Through The Eye-Popping Panorama of American Pop Culture, a collaboration between fashion designer Tommy Hilfiger and art director George Lois published by Universe last year.

Refaeli, 23, has the young, wide eyes to experience places and things that Americans might be more blase about. Sites on their tour include the American Museum of Natural History in New York, cheesesteak places in Philadelphia and the architectural case-study home known as the Eames House in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

The first time the Sports Illustrated swimsuit model visited the U.S. was when she was 16 for a family vacation. Now she splits her time between Israel and Los Angeles, a place she has come to love. "From the first time I landed there, I fell in love with it. She described her favourite spots in "Iconic America" in an e-mail to the AP:

- The Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas. On the show, Refaeli is part of a staged "quickie wedding."

"I have been to Vegas many times but never seen that side of it. Growing up hearing about it,.. It is pretty amazing to see this city full of light and people."

- Serendipity in Manhattan. Refaeli says she was surprised she hadn't heard of this restaurant before since it's sort of an oasis for shoppers on the Upper East Side.

"The beat in NY is very fast and there is always not enough time to see everything, but then Rives took me to this cute little place, where the vibe is so calm and peaceful. There are a lot of amazing desserts."

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In the office, try to dress the part

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Changing attitudes in the workplace mean dress codes don't have to be as stuffy or strict as they once were.

However, experts agree that just because you can dress down doesn't necessarily mean you should.

Paul Hardy, a renowned Canadian fashion designer based in Calgary, suggests no matter what you're allowed to wear in the workplace, the end result should be polished and refined. If you wear jeans, swap the sneakers for a pair of killer dress shoes and make sure any accessories are appropriately top-notch.

"If you're going to dress down, you have to be conscious of the details," Hardy said.

Hardy thinks too many people abuse Casual Fridays by wearing weekend khakis and polo shirts and says a jacket and button-up shirt is still a requirement in the workplace.

"If you're going to wear the same clothes you wear to the mall or the movies, I don't think it's appropriate for business," Hardy said.

Some companies, however, particularly those in creative fields, are finding it easier to attract talented young people with laxer dress codes that stress individuality over conformity.

Razor Suleman, founder and CEO of corporate incentive program developer I Love Rewards, says he let his employees define their own dress code and as a result has attracted twice as much young Gen Y talent — generally people 18 to 28 years old — at essentially no extra cost to the company.

These days it's easier to dress down at the office, but some workplace experts say that just because you can doesn't mean you should, and if you do dress down, remain classy.

"If you are an employer in line with what Gen Y sees, you stand a better chance of attracting that group to the workplace," Suleman said.

The dress code at I Love Rewards is simple — dress like you would to look classy and sophisticated on a first date. Overly revealing clothes are of course a no-no but attractive jeans and stylish sweaters are a go. Suleman says social norms tend to police the dress code better than strict policies, as a little freedom goes a long way with those in Generation Y.

"I think Gen Y is a bit more rebellious. Gen X brought us Casual Fridays — Gen Y filled in the rest of the week," he said.

Suleman feels staunchly conservative dress codes can actually lower productivity by forcing people into a frame of mind that stifles them.

"Unless you can demonstrate to me why I'll be more productive in a suit and tie, I'm not wearing one," he said.

Work your way up

- Lucia Connor, a fashion expert and marketing director at the Upper Canada Mall in Newmarket, Ont., says ultimately how you dress sends a powerful message, so don't aim too low, regardless of what your dress code allows.
- "You have to dress for the job that you want, not necessarily the job that you have," Connor said.

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Dressed for the job from Day 1

Amongst the sea of coloured hoodies, checkered backpacks and white sneakers, Liliana Dos Santos looks like that one thing that just doesn't belong.

The 22-year-old Portugal native navigates through the mass of students at the Student Centre of Centennial College's Progress Campus and stops every so often to give inquiring students directions.

"It comes with the territory, I guess," she says, gesturing at her navy-blue uniform and black boots. "They think I am security but I don't mind helping out."

It wouldn't be the first time that Dos Santos was mistaken for someone else at Centennial. The highly disciplined Police Foundations program she is completing this year is the only one in Ontario that requires students to wear a mock-police uniform at all times.

In addition, Dos Santos's responsibilities as a student government representative often give others the impression she's a college employee rather than an attendee.

Instances of mistaken roles have become that much more prevalent for Dos Santos since she became a key facilitator in Centennial's Play it Smart outreach program, which has doubled her workload but hasn't sapped her enthusiasm.

The volunteer-run program encourages children aged 7 to 13 in the Scarborough neighbourhood of Malvern to develop a bond with education, in addition to honing their basketball skills.

"What attracted me to the program is that I get to help people," says Dos Santos. "I've been a member of different organizations like St. John's Ambulance. Play it Smart is just one more thing that will give me a chance to give back to the community."

Dos Santos understands what it's like to need help without having a clue where to find someone who cares.

"I've had friends that, because they didn't get the proper help, they went down the wrong path," she says. "I just don't want to see any more kids taking the wrong path."

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Liliana Dos Santos is a key facilitator in Centennial's Play it Smart program, which helps children aged 7 to 13 in the Scarborough neighbourhood of Malvern to develop a bond with education, in addition to honing their basketball skills.

Dos Santos describes Portugal as being much different from Canada, and for that reason, she is grateful to have an opportunity to pursue her dream of becoming a police officer in Toronto. According to habitat.org, Portugal has an estimated 16 per cent poverty rate.

"When I finished high school in Portugal I realized that there weren't many resources," says Dos Santos. "Life in Canada is much better than in Portugal, so I decided to try my chances here, and since then I've received a lot of help towards my post-secondary education."

Now with Centennial's Play it Smart program, Dos Santos will have the opportunity to help promising youth prepare for a post-secondary education of their own. And while working around the clock to ensure others tend to their classes, she has to be mindful to put in the work to pass her own. Even golden girls have to earn their stripes to join the boys in blue.

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A little 'consideration'

WorkplaceLaw

On Krzysztof Rejdak's first day of work, he found himself in a pickle. He was given an employment contract with a three-month probationary term and asked to sign his name. For Rejdak, who had already resigned from his previous long-term job, his options were grim: he could either sign his name and agree to be a probationary employee or he could refuse and potentially be unemployed. Fortunately for Rejdak, he later learned in court that not all signed agreements will ultimately be enforced.

For seven years, Rejdak honed his skills as a sports editor at the Ontario-based sports television network, The Score. When an opportunity came about at The Fight Network Inc., a start-up digital television channel focusing on fighting, Rejdak's response was swift. He interviewed for an editor's position.

Impressed with his skills, The Fight Network then telephoned Rejdak and offered him the job. After they had discussed his title, salary and start date, Rejdak was satisfied with the offer and the next morning he resigned from The Score.

Later in the day, Rejdak showed up at The Fight Network set to work. But his bosses were surprised to see him there so quickly, since he hadn't yet signed the standard employment contract given to all new employees. Rejdak was then given a contract containing a three-month probationary period.

Despite reading the contract and understanding its implications, Rejdak signed his name and continued to work as before. Within three months, however, The Fight Network fired Rejdak, relying on his probationary period as the reason it would not provide him with any severance. But Rejdak disagreed. When he had decided over the telephone to join The Fight Network, there was no discussion of any probationary term and according to him, he had no other choice but to sign the written contract because he had already resigned from his long-term job.

The legal doctrine of "consideration" requires that any detrimental changes to an existing agreement must be supported by something of new value, such as a bonus, raise or promotion that the employee was not already entitled to. Therefore, once Rejdak agreed to employment over the telephone, a contract was created — that could only be varied with his consent by providing him with something of new value in order to allow him to decide on its new terms.

In this case, The Fight Network argued that the "consideration" in the written contract was that it contained two weeks' vacation and health benefits. Recently, however, an Ontario judge disagreed, finding that the contract Rejdak signed, or at least the punitive terms, were not enforceable against him. The vacation pay and health benefits were available to all employees and there was nothing else of value given to Rejdak in exchange for signing the contract.

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Did you know?

- If you want to create an enforceable employment contract, there are a few rules. Contracts signed by employees even on the first day of work may not be enforceable unless they are given something of new value within the contract itself. Otherwise, the initial job offer may be the only agreement.

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Workplace accidents targeted

Program aims to educate workers of their rights

When Sarah Wheelan started a new job in a delicatessen, she didn't know how to refuse to do a task that she knew was "very unsafe" — cleaning a meat slicer while the blade was rotating.

"When I tried to talk to my supervisor about it, I found it very difficult. I didn't know how to approach him," she said in an interview Monday, after helping to launch a safety campaign aimed at young workers by the Industrial Accident Prevention Association.

And so she did as instructed. She would remove the guard on the machine, spray cleaner on the blade, and hold a cloth up against the blade while it was spinning.

Part of the cause

- Jessica DiSabatino, whose younger brother was killed at age 18 in 1999 after he got pulled into the blades of a dough mixer while working at a bakery, is one of the people championing the cause to raise awareness.

Wheelan is now 28 and living in Toronto, but looks back on that job — when she was a much greener 23 — with more knowledge and experience under her belt.

"It took me several weeks to get up the courage to talk to my supervisor, but if I had known what I know now, I would've started Googling," she said.

"I would've ended up on the iapa.ca website, I would've been looking for tips of how I could bring this up with my supervisor, talking to my parents."

When she finally did talk to the boss, he basically dismissed her concerns, she said, and so Wheelan quit about a week later.

"He started telling me stories about how new butchers would often nick themselves and it wasn't uncommon for butchers to lose fingers in these sorts of situations," she recalled.

"And basically I couldn't handle it."

Workers in the 15- to 24-year-old age group make up approximately 15 per cent of the Canadian workforce.

In 2006, 11,382 young workers in that age group were injured on the job in Ontario, badly enough that they were unable to work for at least one day. And 10 young people were killed in work-related accidents.

Maureen Shaw, president and CEO of the association, said it's a vulnerable age group that's just coming into its own and trying to earn money for college or university, or a first car.

"They lack experience, they lack training, they feel that they are somehow immune, if you like, to anything bad happening to them," she said.

Many industries are full of potentially deadly hazards, such as this meat cutter, and the Industrial Accident Prevention Association is trying to inform all workers of their rights.

"They want to impress their boss … They don't want to rock the boat. They don't want to say 'no, I won't do that.'"

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Financial woes keeping hiring down

• As the U.S. works toward stabilizing its financial markets after unprecedented events on Wall Street, the ripple effects of a cooler business climate in 2008 continue to infiltrate nationwide employment. Employers expect current hiring trends to hold steady through the end of the year, according to CareerBuilder.com.
"Employers are maintaining a conservative approach to recruitment as they manoeuvre through a weaker economy that has produced its share of casualties," said Matt Ferguson, CEO of CareerBuilder.com. "Certain sectors such as IT and health care are still showing solid job growth while others struggle with reorganization, cost containment and other measures to stay afloat. Consistent with last quarter's findings, there is a slight decrease in the number of employers planning to add new workers in the next three months."
Some emerging trends for workers include:
• Of those workers who found a new job in 2008, one-in-five (21 per cent) reported their job search took them four months or longer.
• Workers are taking on second jobs — Five per cent of employers said their companies have required employees to take an unpaid leave of absence in the past six months as a cost-saving measure.
• Workers are postponing active job search — As workers await an upswing in economic performance and job creation, they are proceeding with caution. While the majority of workers said they would be open to a new job opportunity, they are not actively pursuing a change in employment.
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Hathaway learning to love her character Kym

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If you've had anything like a normal life, you've probably known someone like Kym, the character Anne Hathaway plays in Jonathan Demme's Rachel Getting Married.

Emotionally draining and endlessly self-justifying, Kym is the centre of her own pre-Copernican emotional universe — her own worst enemy, but everyone else's as well if only because of her inability to tell the difference between honesty and an inability to edit herself.

When Hathaway sits down for an interview after the film's premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival last month, I couldn't help but tell her that, as much as I respected her performance, I've known my share of Kyms, and time spent with them is like a colonoscopy.

"Thank you," Hathaway laughs. "With or without anesthetic?"

"One of the things I love about Kym is people's reaction to her. I think that's an awesome interpretation of her — Kym is the kind of person I would be friends with and I am friends with. So for me, the hard part was not being compelled to make her likeable.

"I wasn't as concerned with making her sympathetic as much as I wanted to make sure people understood that however she is, whatever your interpretation of her is, she's being absolutely herself."

"She's just being herself, and once I figured that out — and I only figured that out about a month before filming — it was a very gushy moment that helped me realize what love is ... This character really changed my life and the way I view the world."
Actress Anne Hathaway

"She's just being herself, and once I figured that out — and I only figured that out about a month before filming — it was a very gushy moment that helped me realize what love is, and that it really is without limits, preconceived notions or limits, and it opened my heart. This character really changed my life and the way I view the world."

Hathaway's Kym is already attracting Oscar buzz, and one of the journalists at the TIFF table with Hathaway and Demme asks if she feels pleased that she's exceeded the expectations of people who might only know her from films like The Princess Diaries.

You've probably known someone like Kym, the character Anne Hathaway plays in Jonathan Demme's Rachel Getting Married.

Hathaway is visibly irritated by the question, and says that, "I've never defined myself by the way other people did ... It's always been about 'be yourself, be yourself', well the person I've always been is an actress."

"Are you saying it wasn't cool to do something completely different?" Demme loudly bursts in, mischievously goading his leading lady.

"Of course it was cool to do something completely different!" she shouts back at the director. "But not for the reason he was asking me. It wasn't cool because I'd done The Princess Diaries. It was cool because you're a f–king great director, and Kym's an amazing character. That's why it was cool.

"It was cool on it's own merit," she says, "not because it was a response to anything."

Applegate admits tears over surgery

CANCER Actress Christina Applegate felt sure she'd avoided the emotion of her recent cancer diagnosis, but burst into tears when a surgeon came to perform a double masectomy, imdb.com reports.

Christina Applegate

Applegate admits she had no problems telling her doctor to remove her breasts but when it came to the actual procedure, emotion overcame her. "It was like the floodgates just opened up."

Moore file suit for private party pics

COURTS Demi Moore is suing an Australian celebrity magazine after it published pictures of the actress at a private Oscars party earlier this year, imdb.com reports.

Demi Moore

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In brief

MODEL BEHAVIOUR Supermodel Naomi Campbell wants to donate money to the London homeless shelter she served her recent community sentence in, because she realizes how worthwhile the cause is, imdb.com reports. Campbell was ordered to undertake the unpaid work as punishment for assaulting two police officers. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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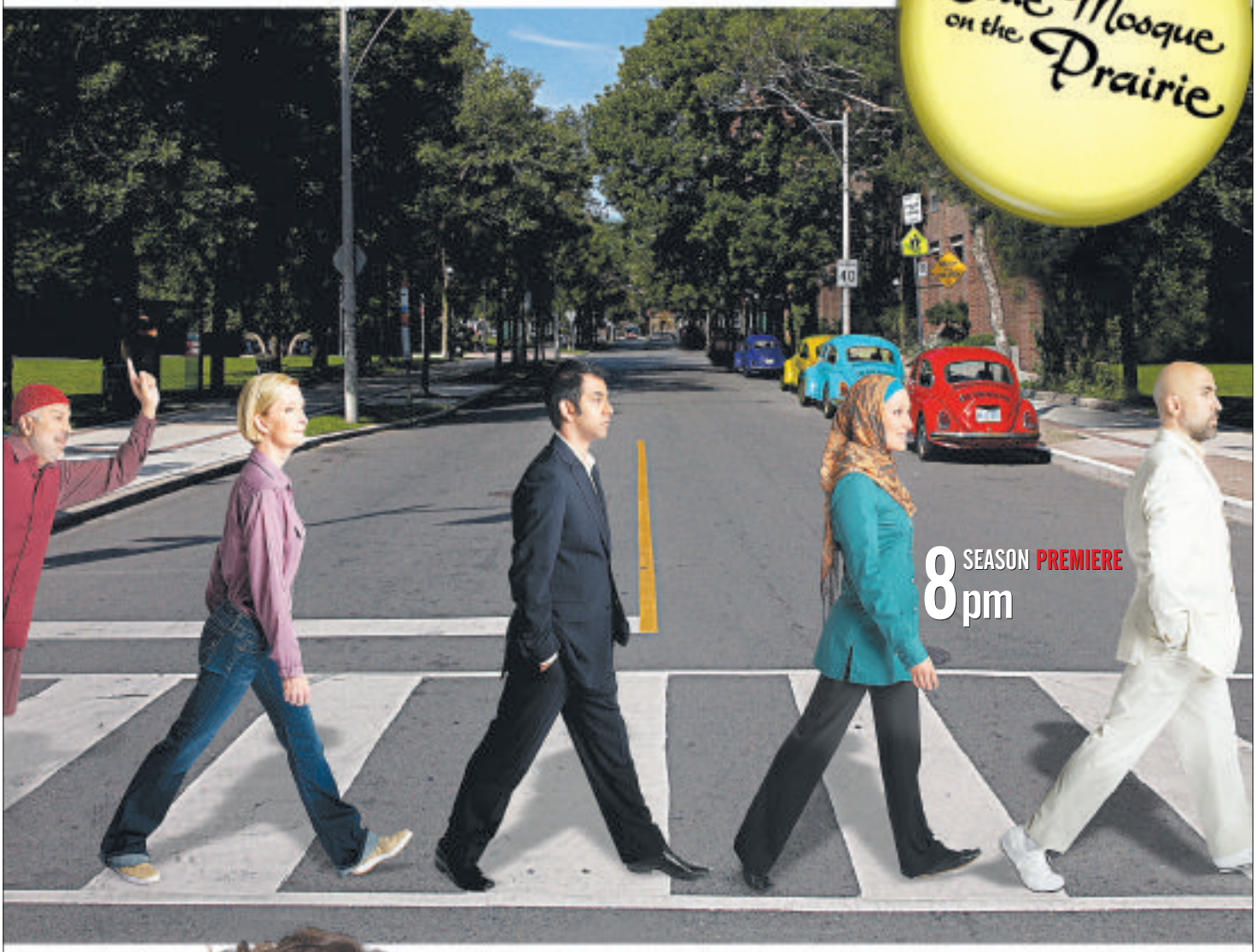

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Weezer sheds angst

Front man Rivers Cuomo embraces new frame of mind

Rivers Cuomo has lost control, and he seems to like it. The singer, famous for clutching the reins tightly at the front of his band Weezer, is suddenly no longer entirely in charge of any part of his life — and maybe it's no coincidence that he's more successful than ever.

"I'm just calming down and less likely to buy into my own negative thinking," the recovering control freak says, on the phone from a concert date in New Jersey. "I'm just more circumspect."

Perhaps there's simply little for the 38-year-old to complain about. The band is playing large venues it has never played before (Madison Square Garden in New York, the Air Canada Centre), and their current album's leadoff single Pork and Beans topped the U.S. rock radio charts for months.

His personal life is, by his account, thriving even more. Cuomo — once the perfect spokesman for fretful and awkward young men via hits like Buddy Holly and El Scorcho — has settled down with wife Kyoko Ito and 15-month-old daughter Mia, and has shed all that angst.

"It's great. Married life is great. When I'm at home, with my wife and my daughter, I just feel like I have everything I need. I just need to go to my workshop and put on some music.

"The massive discontentment I used to feel — it's not there any more."

HARRISON SWITH/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Weezer, fronted by Rivers Cuomo, recently released its third self-titled record, dubbed The Red Album.

Cuomo had worried that peace of mind might quell his creativity. A student of pop songcraft, he was famed for a large notebook in which he dissected great pop songwriters' works (reportedly a lot of Nirvana, Green Day and Oasis) to learn their secrets. "I used to think, 'Who was great after he got married and had kids?' It's a very, very short list."

All of his worries, he says, disappeared once he experienced family firsthand; he felt dosed with fresh energy, and he recalls reading that Nelly Furtado experienced something similar while making her comeback record Loose. "Right after my baby was born, I wrote The Greatest Man That Ever Lived — and that song's just so vital and full of joy."

"I just feel like I have everything I need... The massive discontentment I used to feel – it's not there any more."
Rivers Cuomo, Weezer

That song, a sprawling, six-minute opus, breaks from Weezer's quick, fizzy formula to try stacked harmonies, Gregorian chants, and stylistic switches à la Bohemian Rhapsody. It's a highlight of Weezer's current album, a self-titled collection (the band's third) informally dubbed The Red Album. That album also features another novelty: Cuomo's bandmates — drummer Pat Wilson, guitarist Brian Bell and bassist Scott Shriner — each making their first contributions as songwriters and lead singers.

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Ritchie backs box-office failure

Director Guy Ritchie has defended his box-office flop Swept Away, which stars his pop star wife Madonna, insisting it would have been hailed if he had made it before becoming famous. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Newman's food line continues to give

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Last year, Newman gave $28 million US to social causes from the sale of his popular line of salad dressings, sauces and popcorn.

Paul Newman broached the subject of his philanthropic legacy several years ago while fishing with friends Robert Forrester and David Horvitz off the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Even though he was a Hollywood icon - a 10-time Academy Award nominee known for his performances in such classic films as Cool Hand Luke and Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid - it was a rare moment in which Newman reflected on how he would be remembered after his death, Horvitz recalled Sunday.

"Most of the time he didn't think about legacy," he said. "He was pretty much in the moment."

But Newman, who died Friday of cancer at age 83, told the men he wanted to be remembered for the Hole in the Wall camps he helped to start across the world for children with life-threatening illnesses.

He also wanted to make sure that 100 per cent of the profits from his popular food company, Newman's Own, would continue to benefit such camps and thousands of other charities.

Horvitz said Newman told him that he had been lucky in life, born with piercing blue eyes and a gift for acting.

He said it was unfair that so many innocent children were unlucky to have been burdened with devastating diseases such as AIDS or leukemia.

"He felt a need and an obligation to try to give back," Horvitz said.

"He loved the camps. He loved being there. He loved being with the kids," he added.

"He loved their smiles and their laughter."

"Most of the time he didn't think about legacy. He was pretty much in the moment."
David Horvitz

In 1982, Newman and writer A.E. Hotchner started Newman's Own to market his original oil and vinegar salad dressings,

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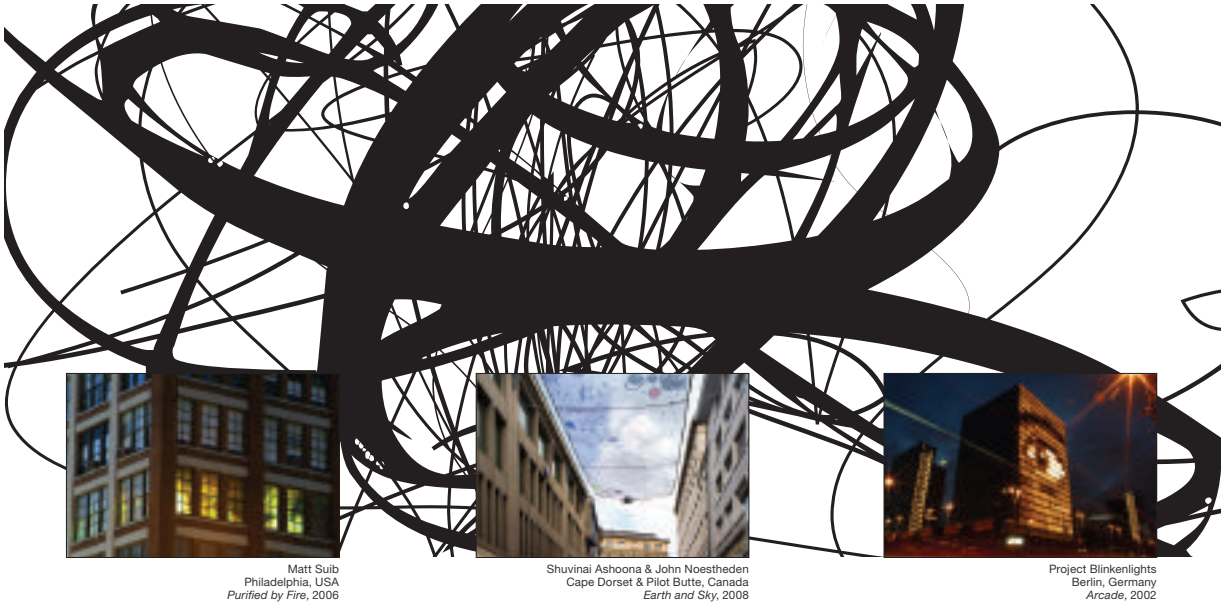

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Canadian troops get sneak peek

MOVIES Canadian troops in Afghanistan are getting a special advance screening of Paul Gross's epic First World War film, Passchendaele.

Gross — who wrote, starred in and directed the tale of love and valour — said Monday that soldiers stationed in Kandahar will be among the first Canadians to see his film on Friday.

"It has taken an uncommonly long time to bring this movie to the big screen, but we are finally able to present it to the Canadian public and, in some small way, pay homage to the sacrifice of our forefathers in the Great War of 1914 to 1918," Gross said in a news release.

"It seems fitting that the troops who ... serve our country are among the first to see it."
Paul Gross

"It seems fitting that the troops who today so valiantly serve our country are among the first to see it."

Gross made the comments while he and co-stars Caroline Dhavernas, Joe Dinicol and Meredith Bailey hosted a special screening in Ottawa on Monday for dignitaries including Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean, army commander Lt.-Gen. Andrew Leslie and various military brass.

Gross is taking his special screenings to Winnipeg, Halifax, Montreal and Quebec City before Passchendaele is released across Canada on Oct. 17.

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Ginger Spice writes screnplay
Former Spice Girl Geri Halliwell has penned her first movie screenplay. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Author enjoys life's 'little wonders'

Austin Clarke feels good about Toronto – and his early Giller nod

When asked about his latest novel, More, making the long list for the coveted Giller Prize, Austin Clarke acknowledges the recognition briefly before changing the subject, telling stories of everyday life in Toronto.

PAUL DOWNTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Austin Clarke's latest novel, More — a work his publisher calls his most politically driven yet — is on the long list for the renowned Giller Prize.

He took his camera to a shop for a roll of film. While the employee was putting the film in, a tiny screw fell out. She couldn't get it back in, and sent him to another shop.

Try as he might, the man behind the counter there couldn't fix it either and sent him to yet another shop, where a man spent considerable time repairing the camera — and wouldn't charge him for it.

"I thought it was such a gesture," says Clarke, who then describes another scenario.

He went walking along downtown Queen Street and saw a huge truck trying to reverse into three car spaces. A passerby helped direct the driver while people gathered, watching "in wonder" at the manoeuvrability of the vehicle and the talent of its driver.

After witnessing this, Clarke says he went home and wrote two "wonderful pages" of the novel he's working on.

"We do not spend as much time as we ought to in feeling good about ourselves and our environment," says Clarke.

Six years after his incredibly successful novel, The Polished Hoe, he says making the Giller long list for More is equally, if not more, exciting.

"Now I am able, I suppose because I'm older, . . . to enjoy some of the desires that every writer certainly has in his mind when he is writing, that the book is successful and that the book wins a prize," says the 74-year-old Clarke.

"I'm being proper in accepting life's little wonders and gifts without being arrogant and criticizing them, either their frequency or their credence."

His book, More, takes place during four days in which Idora Morrison does not leave her Toronto basement apartment.

The minute details that form Idora's existence are painstakingly accounted for, from her youth in Barbados, to how she slices meat, to what headlines she reads over people's shoulders on subways and streetcars.

" It gives dignity to a person in that situation."

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Past success

- In 2002 Clarke won the Giller for The Polished Hoe.
- It was a major breakthrough after a long career that produced 10 novels, five short-story collections and several books of memoirs.

Publisher closes doors, fearing attack on prophet book

The U.S. publisher of a controversial novel about the prophet Muhammad closed its offices as a "precautionary action."

But the company emphasized that no threats had been received and that The Jewel of Medina would be released as planned.

"We were out of the office for a meeting today, and we felt it was unfair for the employees to be back there without management," Eric Champion, president of Beauport Books, said Monday.

The publisher took on Sherry Jones's novel after it was dropped by Random House Inc. over security concerns.

In London, police said they arrested three men Saturday on suspicion of terror links, relating to a fire at the home and office of publisher Martin Ring, whose Gibbon Square announced earlier this month that it would issue The Jewel of Medina, a fictionalized version of Muhammad and his child bride, Asia.

As of Monday afternoon, the book was No. 204 on Amazon.com.

Barnes & Noble Inc. and Borders Group Inc. will both stock the book in stores, according to spokeswomen for the superstore chains.

The publisher said in a statement that "credible and unrelated sources" had warned that the book "could incite acts of violence."

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Plans scratched

- Random House was supposed to publish Jones' novel in August, but pulled it after determining that Muslims would be offended.

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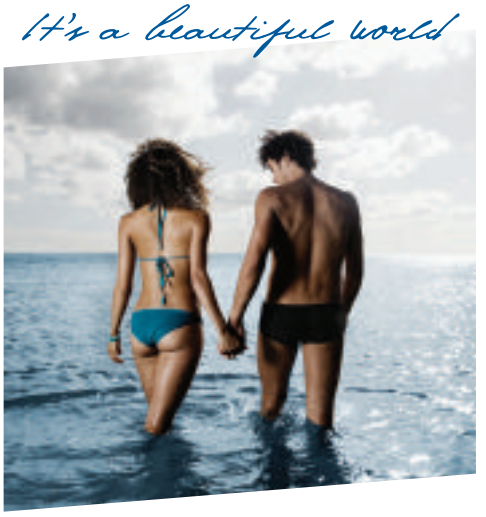

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Britney files appeal in driving case

Britney Spears' lawyer has asked a judge to delay the singer's upcoming trial on a misdemeanour charge for driving without a valid license.

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Britney Spears

Lawyer J. Michael Flanagan filed a petition in Los Angeles Superior Court on Monday seeking a stay in the criminal case. Flanagan also wants an appellate judge to order the judge overseeing the case to grant Spears' motion to dismiss.

Flanagan has twice requested a dismissal of the case, saying that Spears should be allowed to pay a $10 fine and not face a criminal trial.

The 26-year-old singer is scheduled to go on trial in October on a single misdemeanour charge that she did not have a valid California license when she hit a parked car in August 2007 and left the scene.

Flanagan also argues in Monday's filings that Spears is unable to meaningfully participate in her defense because of her conservatorship. Since February, her father has controlled the singer's personal and financial affairs.

Also Monday, the pop star told a New York radio station that her clip Piece of Me leaves room for improvement — despite winning three MTV Video Music Awards last month.

Spears, who said she's done videos "way better", said her triple victory still inspired her. "With the videos that I'm doing now, I can really go there and do something crazy and see what happens," she said.

Spears, whose new album Circus drops Dec. 2, plans a possible world tour next year.

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Pair in LaBeouf crash charged with giving false info to cops

CRASH Prosecutors have charged two people involved in an accident that injured Shia LaBeouf with giving police false information.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's office said Monday it filed one misdemeanour count apiece for Herbert Simon, 22, and Kimberly Bent, 21.

A spokeswoman for District Attorney Steve Cooley's office said Bent told police after the crash that she was driving, but that investigators suspect Simon was behind the wheel.

LaBeouf was initially arrested on suspicion of drunken driving, but prosecutors announced Thursday that there was "insufficient evidence" to file a formal charge. Investigators had previously determined that LaBeouf was not at fault for the wreck.

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Merv Griffin suing Ed McMahon

LAWSUIT Court documents show a company founded by Merv Griffin is suing Ed McMahon for a $100,000 loan it claims has gone unpaid.

The Griffin Group Inc. claims it loaned the money to McMahon, Johnny Carson's sidekick on the Tonight show, in 2005. The company filed the suit on Thursday, stating that none of the loan has been repaid.

McMahon's publicist didn't directly address the lawsuit, instead asking, "Anybody wanna buy a nice house in The Summit?"

The quote is an allusion to McMahon's hilltop home, which is facing foreclosure. The former pitchman also faces numerous other lawsuits filed on behalf of creditors.

Griffin, the longtime talk-show host who created Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune, died in 2007.

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T.I. takes responsibility

Rapper leaves behind street image with Paper Trail album

Before his prison sentence starts next year, T.I. wants to knock down his image as a rapper who glorifies the street life.

Perhaps nowhere is that illustrated better than on his new album Paper Trail, which came out yesterday. Fans won't find any boasts about his days as a hustler or portrayals of himself as a dangerous gangster. Instead, the 28-year-old father of five offers songs about taking responsibility for his mistakes and learning from his criminal past. And tracks that do mention crime do so in a cautionary tone.

"To specifically talk about guns and drugs in that fashion, I won't be able to do that because it's not a part of my life anymore," says the best-selling rapper, who is known for hits such as Rubberband Man and U Don't Know Me.

The melancholy Dead and Gone featuring Justin Timberlake may be the album's best example of that, as T.I. makes it clear that he is ready to start a new and positive chapter in his life.

"It's about leaving behind certain ways that aren't conducive to progression," said T.I., whose real name is Clifford Harris. "It's also in relation to certain friends that aren't here right now."

KEVIN WINTER/GETTY IMAGES

Rapper T.I. performs at the 2008 MTV Video Music Awards.

T.I., rap's self-proclaimed "King of the South," was sentenced to one year in prison on federal weapons charges after he was arrested last October before the BET Hip-Hop Awards in Atlanta for allegedly trying to buy automatic weapons. T.I., who has a prior drug conviction and spent time behind bars for a probation violation a few years ago, is scheduled to start his prison sentence in March 2009 after completing 1,000 of community service. He has spent the last several months speaking to kids and churches, warning about the pitfalls of living a hustler's life.

Paper Trail is the followup to last year's platinum-selling CD T.I. vs T.I.P. While that CD was a commercial success it wasn't a critical one, as some labelled it as one of his weakest projects. The album was released during a particularly challenging time in T.I.'s life, as he mourned the death of his daughter shortly after his girlfriend gave birth, and the recent shooting death of a close friend.

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Much of Paper Trail was recorded while T.I. was on house arrest last winter. For the first time since his 2001 CD I'm Serious, T.I. wrote songs on paper instead of memorizing his verses. He wanted to make sure he carefully expressed his thoughts about past mistakes while being involved in the street life.

"He'll normally just go into the booth and rap off the top of his head, very brilliant," says DJ Toomp, a longtime producer of T.I. who reunited with the rapper on Paper Trail.

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Paramount to distribute Marvel movies

Viacom Inc.'s Paramount Pictures will globally distribute the next five movies made by Marvel Entertainment Inc., including Iron Man 2 and Thor in 2010, the companies said Monday.

The two companies made the announcement as gross receipts for Iron Man, released in May and distributed by Paramount, hit $574 million worldwide.

The new deal will also cover The First Avenger: Captain America and The Avengers in 2011 and a future Iron Man 3.

Distributors reap a fee related to ticket sales and recoup their upfront marketing and distribution costs, while the rest goes to the production company. As an example, Paramount collects a fee of eight per cent of sales on movies made by DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc. that it distributes.

Paramount will accept a slightly lower fee than the rate it had with Marvel but expand its distribution to include Japan, France, Spain, Australia and New Zealand, said Rob Moore, Paramount's vice chairman. Neither fee was disclosed.

"Given the success we all had together on their first venture, I think everybody felt like the working relationship was fantastic," Moore said.

David Maisel, chairman of Marvel Studios, said the new deal with Paramount was more lucrative for Marvel.

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Chesney to launch new rum

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MUSIC Constellation Spirits Inc. is pairing with country music star Kenny Chesney to develop a new rum. The company, a division of Constellation Brands Inc. said in a news release Monday the joint venture with the star will be called Crouton Spirits LLC. The company will develop a premium rum.

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Private Practice explores bioethics

On a massive sound stage at Hollywood's Raleigh Studios, a woman is dying of ovarian cancer.

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On a different day, an obstetrician is conflicted about whether to deliver a premature baby she believes was conceived solely because the umbilical-cord blood could save the family's older, dying child. Another doctor struggles to do what's right when his teenage patient — who has HIV but doesn't know it — confides that he plans to have sex for the first time.

Bioethical questions like these come up weekly on ABC's Private Practice, the Grey's Anatomy spin-off that begins its second season today.

"We're telling stories . . . that will provide a lot of moral debate among our doctors and maybe debate at home when you watch," said series creator Shonda Rhimes.

The issues they face cause plenty of drama for the doctors at the Oceanside Wellness Group, where Kate Walsh's character, Addison Montgomery, came to work after leaving Grey's Seattle Grace Hospital.

"They're all viable conflicts . . . grounded in these medical stories," Walsh said. "It's topical but not so procedural that it's not a Shonda Rhimes show. You still have all the great dialogue and characters and stories and romance."

Like Grey's Anatomy, Private Practice features an ensemble cast of doctors whose personal lives are often far messier than their professional ones.

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Actresses Amy Brenneman, left, and Kate Walsh star in ABC's Grey's Anatomy spin-off Private Practice.

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theatre

AGOKWE Explores unrequited love between teenage boys from reserves. To Oct. 12. Tue.-Sat. 8 p.m.; Sun. 2:30 p.m. $20-$29; PWYC Sun. Buddies in Bad Times Theatre, 12 Alexander. 416-975-8555.

AMAKHOSI, THE KINGS OF AFRICA African legends told through dance, mime and acrobatics. Sep. 27-Oct. 12. Sat., Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Sat. 3 p.m.; Sun. 5 p.m. $20-$70. Downsview Park. 416-952-2222.

CALIFORNIA SUITE Neil Simon comedy set in the Beverly Hills Hotel. Sep. 25-Oct. 11. Thu.-Sat. 8 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m. $15-$25. Fairview Public Library Theatre, 35 Fairview Mall, North York. 416-299-5557.

CATALPA One-person show about the 1876 Catalpa Rescue. To Oct. 5. Tue.-Sun. 8 p.m.; Wed. & Sun. 2 p.m. $20-$28; Wed. & Sun. mats PWYC. Diesel Playhouse Cabaret, 56 Blue Jays. 416-870-8000.

THE CRACKWALKER The story of a mentally challenged girl in Kingston. To Oct. 11. Tue.-Sat. 8 p.m.; Sat. 2:30 p.m. $15-$20; Tue. PWYC. Theatre Passe Muraille Backspace, 16 Ryerson. 416-504-7529.

AN EVENING WITH UNCLE VAL One-man comedy feat retired fisherman Andy Jones. Oct. 1-19. Wed. 8 p.m. Preview $15. $30-$35. Theatre Passe Muraille, 16 Ryerson. 416-504-7529.

GHOSTS AND LADDERS Boy conquers his fear of heights. Sep. 29-Oct. 11. Mon.-Thu. 10:15 a.m.; Wed.-Thu. 1 p.m. $15-$20. Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People, 165 Front St. E. 416-862-2222.

JERSEY BOYS Dancap's last production of the season is a Tony Award-winning jukebox musical centred on songs made famous by Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. To Oct 5. Tue.-Sat. 8 p.m.; Wed. & Sun. 2 p.m. $55-$125. Toronto Centre for the Arts, 5040 Yonge St. 416-872-1111.

KING LEAR Titular character struggles with the betrayal of his daughters in Shakespeare's tragedy. Oct. 1-18. Wed. 8 p.m. $12/$20. Hart House Theatre, 7 Hart House. 416-978-8849.

LATE/BLACK MEDEA A double bill feat one-act plays. To Oct. 5. Thu.-Sat., Tue. & Wed. 8 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m. $20-$30. Berkeley Street Theatre, 26 Berkeley. 416-368-3110.

MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT To Oct. 5. Tue.-Sat. 8 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. 2 p.m. $26-$110. Canon Theatre, 244 Victoria.

OFFENSIVE SHADOWS Contemporary sequel to A Midsummer Night's Dream. Sep. 26-Oct. 19. Tue.-Sat. 8 p.m.; Sun. 2:30 p.m. Sun. PWYC; $15-$35. Tarragon Theatre Extra Space, 30 Bridgman. 416-531-1827.

WIT Scholar deals with her cancer diagnosis. Sep. 26-Oct. 11. Wed.-Sat. 8 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m. $20. Wed., Thu. 2 for 1; Sun PWYC. Alumnae Theatre, 70 Berkley. 416-364-4170.

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BENEFIT SHOW: A COMEDY Proceeds to Vanier College Productions. Perry Perlmutar hosts w/ Laura Earl, Dini Dimakos, Ron Sparks, more. 8 p.m. $20. Rivoli, 332 Queen St. W. 416-596-1908.

THE BOOM Kevin Herod hosts feat Deborah Robinson, Nikki Payne. 9 p.m. $5. Supermarket, 268 Augusta.

IMPATIENT THEATRE CO. Cage Match. 8 p.m. $5. The Savannah Room, 294 College St. 416-975-0845.

YUK YUK'S DOWNTOWN Laugh Lines Fundraiser. 7:30 p.m. $3. 224 Richmond St. W. 416-967-6425.

galleries

69 OLIVE Thinly Veiled: new and vintage works by Deb Wiles. Sep. 27-Oct. 27. 69 Olive. 416-537-9483.

HARBOURFRONT CENTRE Arcade: Science-based works by Panya Clark Espinal, John Dickson, Alex Geddie, more. Dance Dance Revolutions Company: video installations of people dancing in their basements. I Stand on Guard: multiculturally-themed photos by Mona Kamal. Personal Space: lateral architecture by Donald Chong. In 2x6: drawings by Craft Studio artists. Bye-Bye + Celestial Echoes: photos by Michelle Sank. I don't ever want this to end: prints by Genevieve Jodouin. All Sep. 28.-Nov 9. 235 Queens Quay W. 416-973-4000.

PREFIX Projection: a video installment by French artist Laurent Grasso. Sep. 25-Nov. 22. 401 Richmond St. W., ste 124. 647-430-5888.

BEN NAVEE Nuit Blanche Show & Auction: various artists. Sep. 27-Oct. 5. 1111 Queen E. 416-466-3996.

STUDIO NINE GALLERY Photos by Andrew Hind. To Nov. 13. 1400 Queen St. E. 416-465-4085.

AWOL GALLERY Shrines, Icons & Sanctuaries: mixed media by Erin Vincent. Sep. 25-Oct. 5. 76 Ossington. 416-535-5637.

CONVENIENCE GALLERY Parkdale International Art Fair: group show. Sep. 29-Oct. 26. 58 Landsdowne. 416-533-8385.

DELEON WHITE GALLERY The Paint of Pleasure: installation by Sylvana Jaja. Sep. 25-Oct. 25. 1139 College St.

FOUNTAIN The Life and Times of Istvan Kantor: (re)mixed media and performance. Sep. 25-Oct. 5. 652A Queen St. W. 416-955-1318.

LOOP GALLERY Playing Off the Grid: paintings by Elizabeth Babyn. Last Garden: charcoal drawings and reliquary-themed sculptures by Mark Adair. Sep. 27-Oct. 19. 1174 Queen St. W. 416-516-2581.

SHOW GALLERY Oil and acrylic on canvas by John Scheer. Sep. 25-Oct. 16. 978 Queen St. W. 416-356-9153.

SIDE SPACE GALLERY Shine: group exhibit by artists who have been employed at Art Starts Neighbourhood Cultural Centre. Sep. 27-Oct 30. 1080 St. Clair Ave. W.

URBANSCAPE GALLERY Painting Show by Sue Ennis, Linelle LeMoine. To Oct. 1. 2959 Dundas St. W. 416-850-0021.

XPACE Appropriate Follies: installation by Derek Liddington, Stephen Lavigne. Sep. 26-Oct. 18. 58 Ossington. 416-849-2864.

ART INTERIORS Style Maker Exhibit: showcasing 15 works chosen by 15 style makers, celebrating the gallery's 15th anniversary. Sep. 26-Oct. 7. 466 Spadina Rd., ste 203. 416-488-3157.

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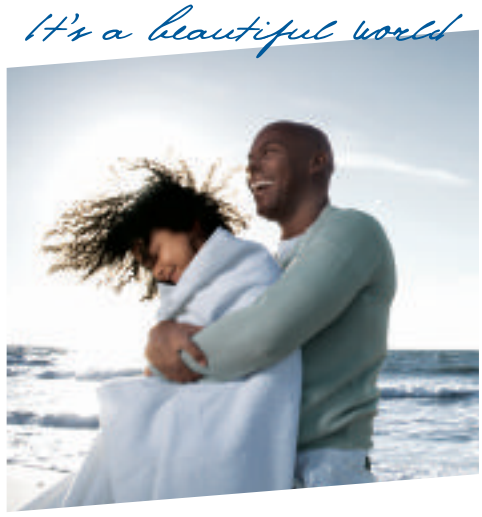

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HERMAN DUNE w/ Throw Me the Statue. El Mocambo. $10 at Rotate This, Soundscapes, Ticketmaster. Oct. 2.

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RADIUS & HELENA CD release w/ Uncut, WordBurglar. Massey Hall Centuries Lounge, 178 Victoria. $12 at RT, SS. Oct 3.

RISE AGAINST w/ Alkaline Trio, Thrice. Sound Academy. $35.50 at Rotate This, Ticketmaster. Oct. 3 & 4. Early shows: 7 p.m.

THE SADIES Horseshoe. $15 at Rotate This, Soundscapes, Horseshoe, Ticketmaster. Oct 3 & 4.

WATAIN w/ Withered, Book of Black Earth, Eclipse Eternal, Kronosfear. Opera House. $23.75 at Rotate This, Sonic Temple, Ticketmaster. Oct. 3. Early show: 7 p.m.

THE WEDDING PRESENT w/ Dirty On Purpose. Lee's Palace. $16.50 at Rotate This, Soundscapes, Horseshoe, Ticketmaster. Oct 3.

AMORPHIS w/ Leaves Eyes, Samael, Virgin Black. Opera House. $28.75 at Rotate This, Sonic Temple, Ticketmaster. Oct. 4. Early show: 7 p.m.

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Funny duo reuniting?
Comics Jimmy Kimmel and Sarah Silverman have downplayed rumours of a romantic reunion after they were spotted holding hands in Los Angeles over the weekend. "They remain close friends," a spokesperson said. IMDB.COM

A catfight away from the catwalk

YOU'RE EITHER IN OR YOU'RE OUT – OF COURT: Project Runway's big moment in the pop culture spotlight is pretty much over, but the show is currently being fought over in court like a no-longer-cute child caught in a bitter custody battle.

Last Friday, a judge granted an injunction preventing the show from making its move from NBC-owned Bravo US to the Lifetime channel, a move brokered by the Weinstein Company, the show's producers, earlier this year.

According to an NBC Universal press release, Weinstein "violated NBC Universal's right of first refusal to future cycles of Project Runway," setting the stage for a trial that could delay Lifetime's scheduled premiere of season six in January, and even see NBC regain control of the show.

This could potentially be a mortal blow for Lifetime, which has built its rebranding of the network around the US$150 million it spent on acquiring five cycles of the show.

"I am a huge fan," said Lifetime president Andrea Wong in April.

"All my friends are huge fans. Having watercooler movies, dramas and reality shows like Project Runway is what Lifetime Television is all about."

Yesterday, the New York Post ran a story on how Weinstein and Lifetime ended up in this unenviable position, based on disclosures in the injunction decision by New York Supreme Court judge Richard Lowe.

The really perverse aspect of the whole story is the likelihood that NBC Universal, should it claw the show back, will likely take it away from Bravo, in the hopes of pouring oil over the troubled waters of their relationship with Weinstein.

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It all boils down to bad blood between Harvey Weinstein and Bravo head Lauren Zalaznick, who had interfered with production on the show and blocked product integration deals that were vital to both the show's content and bottom line.

Most of all, though, Weinstein hated how Bravo had cloned the Project Runway model with shows like Top Chef and Shear Genius — a curious complaint in an industry where imitation is the sincerest form of flattery you can inflict on both friends and enemies alike.

In the meantime, season six has been in production in Los Angeles for two weeks, where it'll film until mid-month, before breaking to let the finalists create the collections they'll feature in February's New York Fashion Week at the show's finale, by which point the lawsuit should be settled.

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The Post even suggested that it would be moved to the network flagship, NBC, where it's unlikely to thrive under the much higher ratings expectations of network primetime.

The whole sorry spectacle — a p--ing match more than a savvy exercise in feeding the bottom line — is one that needs to be remembered whenever someone tells you that the entertainment business is only interested in making money.

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	211	331	3	GTV	ET Canada	Entertainment	Bones (HDTV PA) (N)		NCIS "Agent Afloat" (N)		Crime Stories		News (N)
	215	343	4	OMN1	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	News (N)		Vivere Il	News (N)	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Metropia
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	214	344	7	CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Secret Life of American Teen		Hell's Kitchen		Lipstick Jungle (N)		News (N)
	212	313	8	CTV	eTalk	Hollywood	So You Think You Can Dance Canada				CSI: NY "Page Turner"		News (N)
	218	345	11	E!	The Insider (N)	E! News	Knight Rider (HDTV) (N)		Deal or No Deal		Charlize Theron: True Story		News (N)
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	297	652	330	WPX	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	America's Next Top Model (N)		90210 "Model Behavior"		CW11 News at Ten		Two-Half Men
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	411	457	58	OLN	Ed's Up	Videos	The Amazing Race 13		Ed's Up	Adventures	Word Travels	Globe Guides	Pilot Guides
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family	551	542	25	YTV	Malcolm-Mid.	Home Improve.	Malcolm-Mid.	Fresh Prince	Futurama	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.	Adrenaline Proj	Mystery Hnt.
	554	544	45	TEL	George-Jungle	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show		6teen	Total Drama	Futurama	The Critic (N)	Robot Chicken	Daughter-Devil
	556	540	51	FAM	Wizards-Place	That's-Raven	Zack & Cody	Natural-Sadie	Han. Montana	Life Derek	Ned's School	Cory in House	Zack & Cody
cable variety	602	567	27	W	Will & Grace	Friends	Grocery	What You Eat	Supersize vs. Superskinny (N)		Gok's Fashion Fix (N)		Style by Jury
	570	580	29	MM	MTV's Top Pop Group		disBand	Technical Diff.	PunchMuch		MTV's Top Pop Group		disBand
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	616	521	39	SHO	Kink in Hair	Kink in Hair	Billable Hours	Billable Hours	Durham County		The Riches (HDTV)		House
	620	523	40	BVO	Desperate Housewives		Berkeley	Bravo!Videos	Wingfield	Letters	A Vision of Blindness (N)		Law & Order
	601	562	41	SLC	End of Leash	ET Canada	X-Weighted		Work Out		Inside Hollywood (DVS)		X-Weighted
	522	506	43	HIS	NCIS "In the Dark"		Cities of the Underworld		Real Chainsaw Massacre		NCIS "In the Dark"		Crime Stories
	625	548	44	COM	Air Farce	Just for Laughs		Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Lewis Black	RENO 911!	Daily Show
	600	564	46	H&G	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Mansions	The Stagers	Property Virgin	Unsellable	Million Dollar Listing		Holmes-Homes
	294	529	47	TBS	House-Payne	House-Payne	*Steel Magnolias* ★★★ (1989, Comedy-Drama) Sally Field, Dolly Parton.					Family Guy	Family Guy
	576	582	49	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live		*New Jack City* ★★★ (1991, Crime Drama), Ice-T				Comic View	Comic View	Judge Karen
	627	528	50	SPC	Lost "Homecoming"		Star Trek: Deep Space Nine		Battlestar Galactica		Ghost Hunters International (N)		Stargate SG-1
	581	566	52	MTV	Busted	After	Canada's Next Top Model		Real World-Road Rules		Real World-Road Rules		MTV Live
	618	524	54	TROP	Beverly Hills, 90210		Reality	What Happen?	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	'70s Show	Family Guy
	603	561	56	FOOD	The Main	Chef at Home	Restaurant Makeover		Iron Chef America		Dinner Imposs.	Dinner Imposs.	Restaurant
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	526	507	249	CLT	Judging Amy		*Broken Lullaby* (1994, Romance) Mel Harris, Rob Stewart.				Mysterious Ways		Judging Amy
	300	601	301	M1	(6:45) *Déjà Vu* ★★★ (2006, Suspense), Val Kilmer				*Spider-Man 3* ★★ (2007, Action) Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst.				
	305	612	306	PIX	(7:15) *Harry's Case* (2001, Mystery) Adam Beach.				*Rosemary's Baby* ★★★ (1968, Horror) Mia Farrow, John Cassavetes.				

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Anna and Kristina's Grocery Bag
Betty Crocker is an American icon; you'd think Anna and Kristina would pick an American dish, not a British staple, for their test run of the "Betty Crocker Cookbook." But no; they're trying Betty's recipe for beer-battered fish and chips and giving a British pub owner the honor of taste-testing it. First, though, they have to find the right beer, which involves its own taste test. 8 PM on W

Déjà Vu
Here's looking at "vu." Denzel Washington stars as Doug Carlin, an ATF agent who travels in time. It all starts with an investigation into an explosion, during which he is assigned to a unit using experimental technology. Carlin decides to use that to his advantage to track a woman's (Paula Patton) minute-by-minute actions. She was killed, but her vehicle was used in the bombing. Val Kilmer, Jim Caviezel and Bruce Greenwood co-star. 6:45 PM on M1

Costner to release album

Actor Kevin Costner will fulfil a longtime dream in November when he releases his first album with his country-rock band, Modern West. PEOPLE.COM

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Celebrity Buzz

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J. Lo: Bring me babies

FAMILY Jennifer Lopez would "love to have more children" with husband Marc Anthony, female-first.co.uk reports.

The singer/actress, who gave birth to twins Max and Emme, her first children with Marc, in February, is already planning to extend her family further but doesn't know when she will find the time.

"I'd love to have more kids. I don't know when, we'll see, you know, that's the same way my first ones happened!" says Lopez, who previously revealed she got pregnant as soon as she stopped trying to conceive.

"We'll just do it the same way for the second time around!"

Lopez also says becoming a mother has changed her "whole perspective on life."

"It has changed me very much. It really prioritized what you thought was important and what was not so important," she told Entertainment Tonight.

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Lazy days for Craig

LIFETSTYLE James Bond star Daniel Craig is obsessed with keeping fit, but insists he will stop soon so that he can get "fat and old," imdb.com reports.

The actor is happy with his lean figure, and eats three meals a day. But the star confesses that he will soon give up his fitness regimen — because he is getting too old to keep it up.

"I eat a full breakfast, full lunch, full dinner and once or twice a week I might even drink Guinness and red wine and all that stuff. Otherwise, you go insane. You get into a stupid place. I'm obsessive enough about getting fit, it's ridiculous," he tells Britain's GQ magazine.

"I'm 40 now and I've got to stop doing it soon. I have to start getting fat and old."

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Osbourne got sex ed just like a rock star

GROWING UP Kelly Osbourne was given sex-education lessons while on tour with her rocker father Ozzy, because organizers handed out free condoms to everyone backstage, imdb.com reports.

The 23-year-old spent a lot of time on the road as a child, touring with her dad's band, Black Sabbath.

Osbourne admits that the rock 'n roll lifestyle she witnessed forced her mother, rock matriarch Sharon Osbourne, to tell her the facts of life at a young age.

"I was on tour with my dad and at every single one of his shows, they hand out free condoms," she tells British magazine New!

"I was about seven or eight and I picked up a packet and was like, 'Mum, what's this?' She had to explain to me what they were. It was something my parents have never been shy about. They always told us what they think and that we should protect ourselves."

Osbourne has also revealed she is tested for sexually transmitted diseases four times a year, the Daily Mail reports.

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Britney sings 'anthem' for girls

MUSIC Britney Spears says her new song, Womanizer — which debuted on Friday — is an empowering anthem for girls, People.com reports.

"It's basically saying, 'We know what you're up to.' It's about guys cheating on girls," the singer told New York's Z100 radio station on Monday. "It's a girl anthem. That's why I like it."

The song is the first single from Spears' upcoming album, Circus, due for release on Dec. 2, her 27th birthday.

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Pam a man 'ruiner'

DATING Pamela Anderson would "ruin" a good boy if she ever dated one, female-first.co.uk reports.

The actress is always drawn to bad boys, and thinks she will end up growing old with her ex-husband Tommy Lee.

Anderson is living with Lee and their two sons Brandon, 12, and 10-year-old Dylan while her house is being renovated.

"Bad boys just keep following me around. What would I do with a good boy? Ruin him, probably," she says. "I think I'm stuck with Tommy."

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

I'm worried about **Daniel Craig**. By saying that he's going to have to give up his fitness regimen so that he can get "fat and old," Craig is displaying classic symptoms of the dreaded NPES, or Normal Person Envy Syndrome.

NPES is an affliction that can strike the very famous without warning. Symptoms include aspiring to acquire a lifestyle identical to that of the average fan who see their movies, watch their TV shows and go to their concerts.

Daniel Craig is under the delusion that he'd like to stop working out so that he's no longer the object of lust for women worldwide, and a symbol of male virility. It's no good to explain to him that being a normal, fat, old person isn't all it's cracked up to be. The man-boobs, the front-butt, the inability to live in denial by bedding 21-year-olds. This is all that being "normal" means.

Let's hope that Craig gets help. Left untreated, NPES could see him making good on his threat to eschew the gym for a diet rich in carbs, alcohol, and cheese doodles. Before he knows it, people will mistake him for **Russell Crowe**.

And that's the hopeful scenario. Some afflicted stars have gone so far as to stalk their fans, so obsessed are they by the allure of the "normal" life.

Case in point: one well-known actress was recently slapped with a restraining order after leaving more than 500 phone messages in a single weekend for one **Katy Bleeker**, a 30-year-old supermarket cashier in Omaha, Neb.

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Fisher family adds girl
Joely Fisher and her husband Christopher Duddy have adopted a newborn baby girl, Fisher's rep Brit Reece said. PEOPLE.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Birthday bling

GIFTS Actor Liev Schreiber stunned his pregnant girlfriend Naomi Watts with a surprise party on Saturday to celebrate her 40th birthday, imdb.com reports.

Schreiber invited some of the couple's closest friends and family to the secret bash in Los Angles, which took place a day before Watts' actual birthday on Sunday.

Schreiber also treated the actress to a brand new Mercedes-Benz Bluetec — an eco-friendly luxury sports utility vehicle which isn't due to go on sale until the end of October.

According to E! Online's blogger Marc Malkin, the gift was delivered to the party venue in time for the celebrations, complete with a big red bow on the hood.

Further details about the bash have yet to be revealed, but Schreiber's representative has confirmed the event took place, saying: "Party was attended by family and friends."

The couple is preparing for the birth of its second child, with Watts reportedly due in December.

Schreiber and Watts are already parents to son Alexander, 14 months.

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celebrity brief

Miller gets pricey apology

SETTLEMENT Actress Sienna Miller has accepted $27,000 US in damages in an out-of-court settlement against the Daily Star over a paparazzi photo, BBC News Online reports.

The 26-year-old star took action over the picture taken in Los Angeles, which she claimed violated her privacy.

The paper has also printed an apology to Miller.

The Daily Star said it accepted she was "extremely harassed and distressed by persistent pursuit and intimidating tactics" adopted by the paparazzi.

"We apologize to Sienna for publishing this photograph."

Miller's private life has been the subject of numerous newspaper stories since her failed romance with Jude Law, whom she starred with in Alfie.

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Bush is first lady of fitness

HEALTH Body image means a lot to Sophia Bush, who is careful about what she sees and projects, People.com reports.

"It's weird: In our business, I'm a size 2 and considered curvy," the One Tree Hill actress, 26, tells Health magazine for its October issue, which is on sale today.

"It's important to remind young women, 'Listen, even skinny girls have cellulite, even Halle Berry has cellulite, and what you see in photos isn't totally real.'"

Staying fit, according to the critically acclaimed actress, is "the reason I'm not a smoker or a big drinker — and it's why I'm getting more active.

"For me, fitness isn't about wanting to be rated with Jessica Alba on the Hot 100 list.

"I want to be able to hike the mountains of California with my grandkids."

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Hathaway needs a dating break

RELATIONSHIPS Actress Anne Hathaway is taking a break from dating in the wake of her breakup from her accused con artist ex, Raffaello Follieri, MSN Entertainment reports.

The New York Daily News claims she's decided to take a moratorium from men after spending the last four years with Follieri.

"She wants to make good decisions in her next relationship," says an insider. "She is working on figuring out what went wrong with Raffaello."

Hathaway has been hanging out with her family and catching up with friends.

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celebrity brief

Praise for Romijn

MOTHERHOOD Ugly Betty star Vanessa Williams has heaped praise on mom-to-be Rebecca Romijn, insisting she will "be a great mom and raise great kids," imdb.com reports.

Romijn is expecting twins with her husband Jerry O'Connell next year, and the pair "are going to be the most fun, zany parents in California," according to Williams.

Williams is sure her co-star will make a fantastic mother, because of her sunny nature: "She's smart, she's talented, she's funny, and she's well grounded."

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Marriage for Diaz? Umm ...

COMMITMENT Actress Cameron Diaz has ruled out marriage for the foreseeable future, according to her boyfriend Paul Sculfor.

Diaz has been dating the model since the summer, imdb.com reports.

But Sculfor insists that although the relationship is going well, Diaz has told him she has no plans to settle down just yet.

"Yes, you know (we are in love). We are having fun. She has openly said she does not want marriage, so we're coasting," he tells British magazine New!

Sculfor admits that there are no bad feelings between him and Diaz's ex-boyfriend, Justin Timberlake.

"Hell, no. I have met him — he is cool and a great guy. There is no friction," Sculfor adds.

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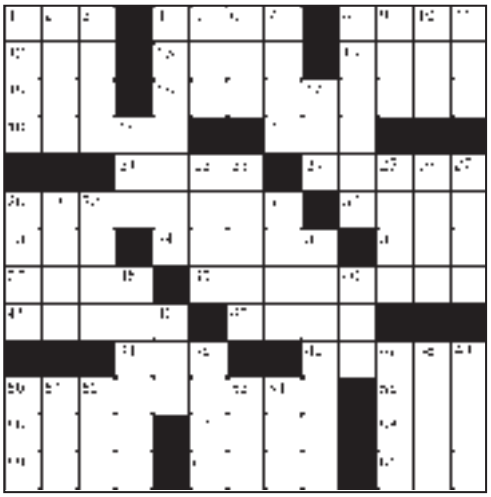

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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	5			1				4

Crossword across

1 Automaton, for short
4 Siestas
8 Do as you're told
12 "— Town"
13 October birthstone
14 Base runner's goal
15 Expert
16 Persistent
18 Wheat bundle
20 Court
21 Freeway exit
24 Knighted women
28 Courteous
32 Shaving mishap
33 Conger, for one
34 Portrayals
36 Lanka lead-in
37 Creche trio
39 Roomy
41 Viewpoint
43 Use a teaspoon
44 Comedian Caesar
46 Pepé Le Pew, e.g.
50 Having a huge appetite
55 Brooch
56 Pizzeria fixture
57 Mediocre
58 Inseparable
59 Greet silently
60 Burn somewhat
61 Fresh

Crossword down

1 Slithery squeezers
2 "That hurts!"
3 Shade provider
4 "You cheated!"
5 Mimic
6 Zero-star review
7 Cabbage salad
8 Buckeye
9 Halloween cry
10 Ostrich's cousin
11 "Of course"
17 Massachusetts cape
19 Joan of —
22 Bovine conversation
23 Tooth tissues
25 Soybean paste
26 Beige
27 Vail equipment
28 Lapidary's wares
29 Authentic
30 Agar source
31 Membership
35 Cut
38 Mad
40 Annoy
42 — -tac-toe
45 Platter
47 Atop
48 Morning hour
49 Recognized
50 Solemn promise
51 Eggs
52 Gun the engine
53 Sound of awe
54 "Born in the —"

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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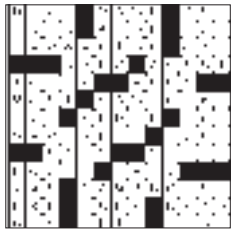

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13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Recipe of the day

Greek-style lemon chicken soup

INGREDIENTS:
12 oz (375 g) boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1 large onion, thinly sliced
2 celery stalks, chopped
1 large carrot, thinly sliced
6 black peppercorns
Strip of lemon zest
1 small bunch fresh dill or flat-leaf parsley
1/2 cup (125 mL) long-grain white rice
Juice of 1 lemon
2 eggs, beaten
Salt and pepper

GARNISH:
Sprigs of fresh dill or flat-leaf parsley

METHOD:
1. Place chicken breasts, onion, celery, carrot, black peppercorns, lemon zest and dill or parsley into a large saucepan. Add 4 cups (1 L) water and bring to a boil over medium heat, skimming off foam. Reduce heat and half-cover with a lid, so water bubbles gently. Simmer until chicken is cooked through, about 15 minutes.
2. Remove chicken from pan with a slotted spoon and set aside. Strain the broth through a large sieve into a clean pan, discarding the vegetables and flavourings.
3. Reheat broth until boiling, then stir in rice. Simmer gently until rice is almost tender, about 8 to 10 minutes. Meanwhile, cut or tear chicken into thin shreds, and mix lemon juice with beaten eggs.
4. Add shredded chicken to soup. Heat over medium heat until soup almost boils again. Remove from heat and pour in lemon juice mixture, stirring constantly. Season lightly with salt and pepper. Serve immediately, garnished with sprigs of dill or parsley.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Abstinence will force a cancellation. Privacy will cause a problem for a loner. You'll realize that there's no help for a personality defect.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
News of a bungled test surprises everyone. A chat comes in handy with a forceful woman. Someone is ready to bolt from a relationship.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Resist the desire to be stubborn. A male friend ups the ante. Rough and tumble playing will interfere with being logical.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Stand on your own two feet in a precarious love affair. A maternal person has a message for you. A damaged quest is brooded over.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
A man deals with harsh words at a meeting. A pitiful friend will tell you of a back pain. A cry for freedom will be considered.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A blonde works on your development. Your friendly nature protects those who are faltering. A man threatens others with punishment.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You should accept that miracles will happen. Avoid an invitation for a fun event. An obsession causes harsh words to be spoken.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Impressive remarks are made in a debate. A bubbly female changes your mind. Give up before making any senseless demands.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
A magical change will give you chills. Concealed feelings will come to a head. Put a stop to criticism by being chattier.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A careless comment will tell you the whole story. Taking extreme action will work to your advantage. Your decisions are influenced by visitors.

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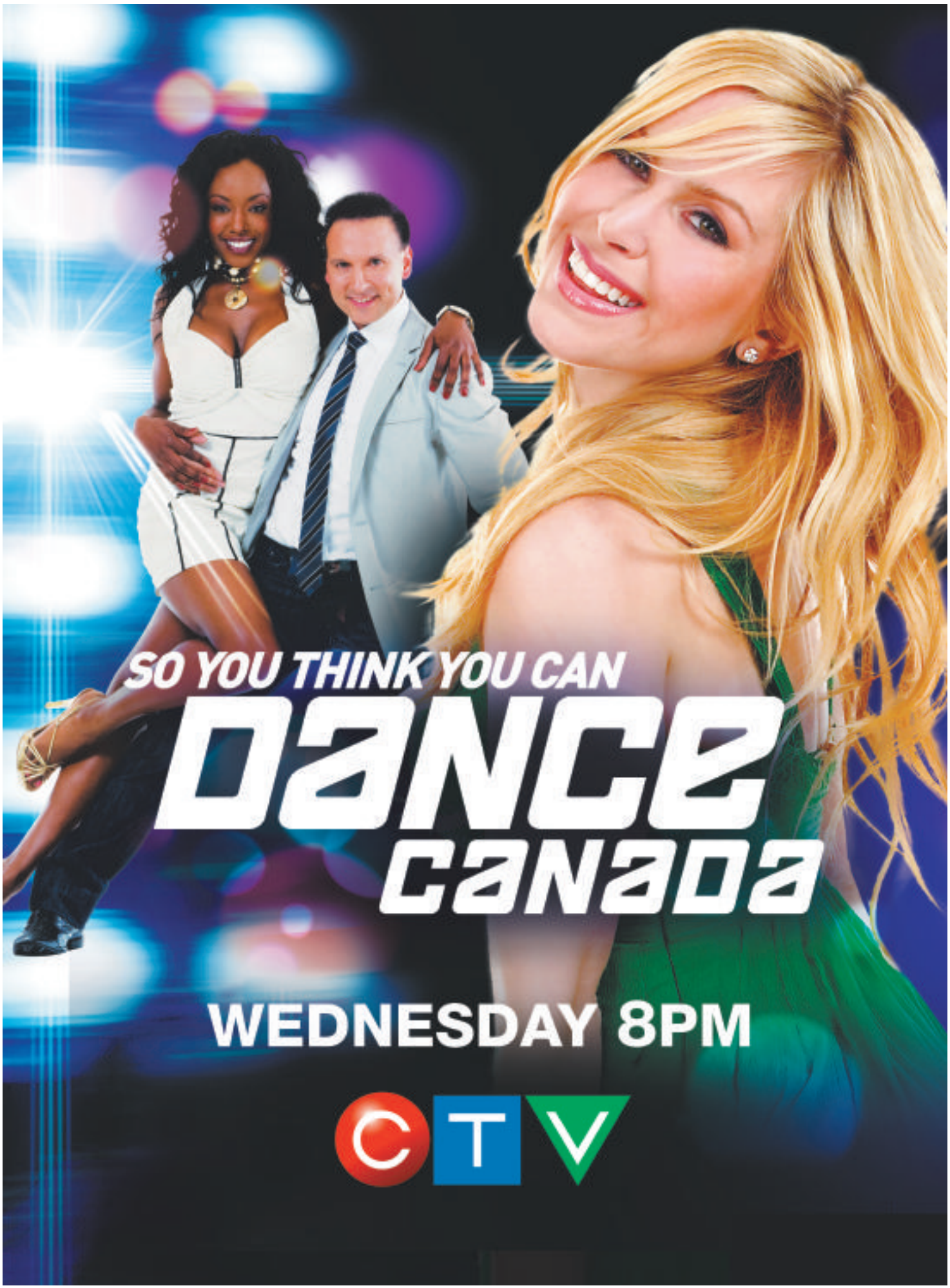
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